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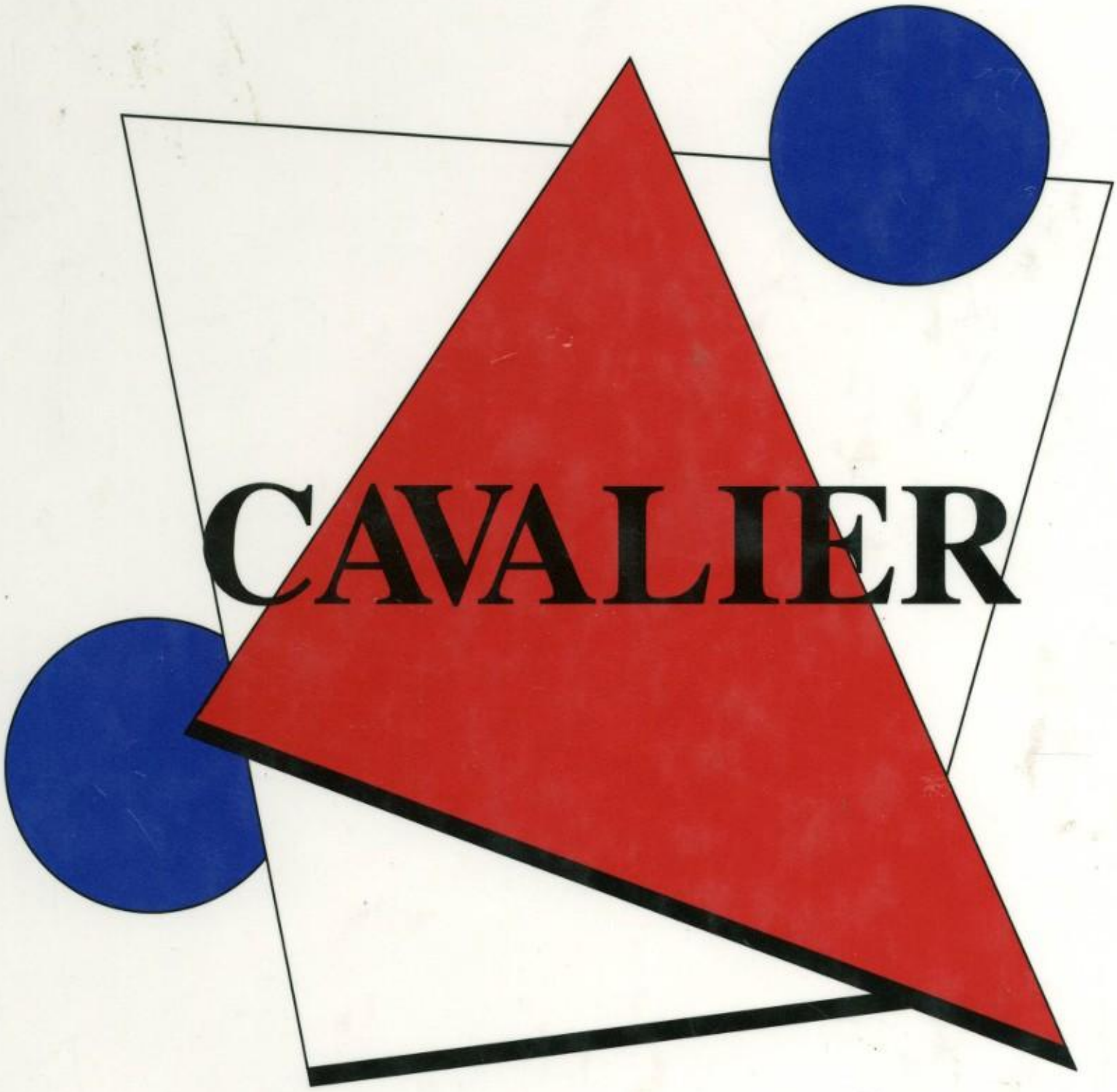

Bigger isn't always better!

Bill Horwitz '90

Hey Billy!
How Ya doin's!
BSTV was
like
more
A bit different
but we still
gave Burt a
a load of
Shit
last year
hasta
Luck
Brian Co

Bill,
You gotta wet my 30 wives
sometime. They're real
interesting. Have a fun
summer & I'll see ya
BTL TV
(Brian B, Bill
Todd, Lee)

Bill
Well Eddie
was so exciting
those art projects
were so much fun
I learned so
much very close
there. Play
I see ya you
in the
summer
Have a great
summer
Love
Jen

Michelle
'92
106

Summation Hair
a great Summer
Large Pep Talent

Bill,

No more Confirmation,
or Burly, or ass
Kissing or any of that
shit! Sue this year
sucked, but it's OVER!
We had fun anyways (getting
on each others cases).
Enjoy the summer, get drunk,
do the Cindy (20 times).
Later Days & Better Lays,
Todd

P.S. Coors rages
on the [redacted]COAST of
someone else (says)

~~Bothered~~ I mean Bill,
(I'm sorry!)
So we made it through another year of nutty airhead math teachers and sadistical english teachers, and of course that english lady, Mrs Ensley (of course that class was a breeze with all that extra-credit to do)
Have an awesome summer
Keep cool ;... and sober (at least 50% of the time)
wow! neato! (a new color of ink!)
Call me up sometime this summer or stop by Ilda and we go cruising for the 3 B's
Beer, Babes, and ... and
to Be cool (Ha-Ha) I hope I can get to camp Varsity (I have the application) and get by without any crippling effects. But there's still swimming, you're just too good a runner for me to keep up with ... I admit it. You're a cool person and I'm glad I met you. See you around summer
Have an awesome
Call me and we'll go partying

Bill
Well I think you are one hell of a drummer. You really should try and form a band or something. Jrig GT was, well ..... interesting! It was fun having you in the class. Together we made this class somewhat enjoyable. No, that's not the right word. How about, ... BEARABLE. We always seemed to be able to come up with stupid comments and get on Miss Shelton's nerves. Have a great summer. See you next year!

Scott Lange

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Beale
Bon humor of madame nelson
I just couldn't resist!!! Sure
years, and one more to go! I love
you mon ami! The play was
the best! The Penthouse of Bill and
being kidnapped made my week!
Voilà mon autographe! Give—

Bill-
To the scholar of
all French scholars,
"Tapioca Friend", (Your original
name to Gretchen and Amy)
Beale, (To Madame Nelson);
Take care & have a
GROOVY été.

Jason.

Bill!
Hey buddy how goes it?!
It's been an awesome
year, huh! It's finally
over. We made it. Hey
you're a Junior now!
Hey I'm glad I met
ya last year - it was
definately interesting
"Do I have a chance?"
Have a terrific
summer and an in-
credible Junior year
Miss ya and keep in
touch-seriously!

Sarah

BILL,

IT WAS AMUSING IN TRIG. I DIDN'T HAVE A GOOD TIME, BUT THE PEOPLE WERE MORE OR LESS COOL (MINUS ERIC). I DON'T REALLY KNOW YOU TOO WELL, BUT SO WHAT. YOU'RE NOT THAT POPULAR. YOU'RE NOT THAT COOL! YOU HAVE A CAR! YOU'RE AWESOME & BADDER THAN SIN. FORGET WHAT I SAID BEFORE. I NEED A RIDE HOME. WHATEVER. HAVE A CASUAL SUMMER & TAKE IT EASY. CHILLIN!

PAUL

Bill,
We had a pretty
good time in Trig class
this year. I wish I was
as good in cross country as
I was in math. Next year,
I'll work harder and try to
take over your number #1 spot
on the cross country team.
See you around

Yoon

BILL
I HAD A GREAT TIME
IN MATH CLASS, NOT SO
MUCH IN GYM THOUGH. WE
ACED THE ALG. FINAL, I'M
SURE WE'LL ACE THE TRIG. PART
TOO! GOOD LUCK NEXT YEAR
AND HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!

MAT
ELDER
'88

Bill -
It was a great
class. Just because
the class puts me
in a daze doesn't
mean I'm this way
all the time. I'm not
either. See you
next year.

Matt Fadal
'88

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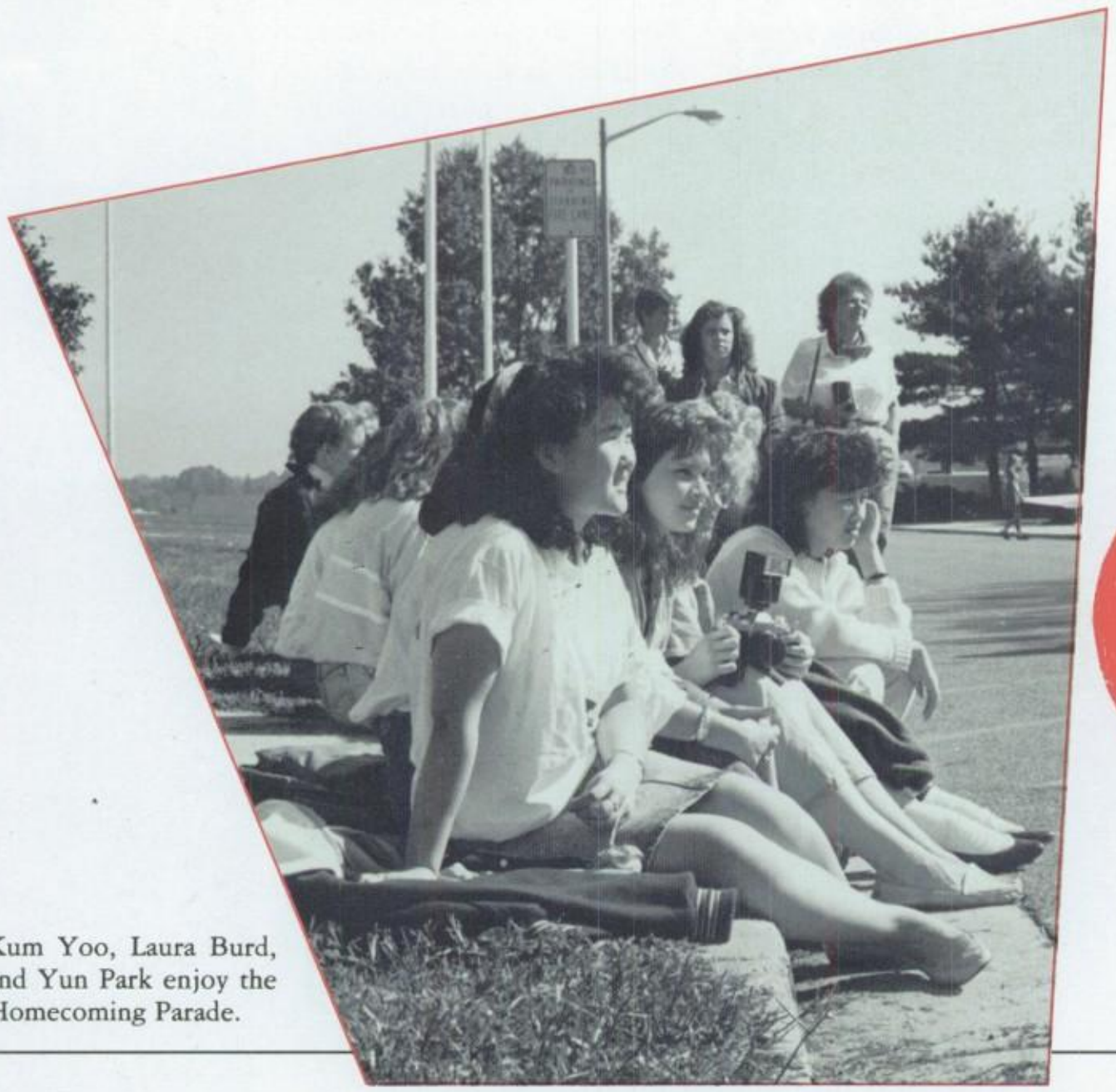


Kum Yoo, Laura Burd, and Yun Park enjoy the Homecoming Parade.

BIGGER isn't always BETTER

"This year will go down in history as a year of quality, not quantity," said cross country and track coach, Spanish teacher and Foreign Language Department chairman, Matt Murray. Although he was speaking about the third in the state girls cross country team, he could have meant almost any aspect of school. The number of students shrank to 1,951, the fewest in twenty-six years. No one permitted population loss to disturb the Woodson community, however. Rather, the school drew closer together at events such as a spirited defeat of our arch-rival, Annandale, a celebration of the Constitution's bicentenial birthday and an enjoyable Art for Life Festival in the spring.

Because of the declining enrollment, certain Industrial Arts and Gifted and Talented courses were not offered; however, new classes such as peer counseling, taught by the guidance counselors, and film production, taught by Mr. Bernie Thompson and Mrs. Joan Bedinger, gave students a little variety. Many classes shrank, enabling teachers to give individuals more attention. This lowered student-to-faculty ratio helped achieve principal Charles E. Billak's main goal for the year, "Better communication among students, teachers, and administration."

Students stated proudly that they attended W.T. Woodson, renowned for excellence not only in academics, but also in sports, activities and spirit. Thirteen seniors were recognized as National Merit Semi-Finalists, eclipsing larger schools in Fairfax County. Teams, although often fewer in number, rallied and overcame their difficulties. The organizations and club life expanded to include the "Just Say Know" Club and a Poet's and Playwright's Club.

Participation in extra-curricular activities increased to fill in the gaps created by a lower enrollment. Finally, although the students were fewer, school spirit did not diminish. Strange outfits during Spirit Week, cheers at football games, pep rally attendance, participation during class and active clubs stood tribute to the smaller, closer knit school community. Bigger isn't always better, as witnessed by students and staff at Woodson.

by Terry Stryer

The Pep Band welcomes students and teachers back on the first day with a few songs before first period.

The Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 15 welcomed former Woodson students back. Students involved in teams and organizations marched past the front of school behind their group's banner. Showing her blue and white Cavalier spirit, Jessica Orrison unicycles down the parade route.

At the beginning of cross country season in a race against West Springfield, Melissa Stuart runs a twenty minute, two second race, the second fastest time run on our three mile course by a female.

Jea Han savors the ice cream she bought from *The Page*, our literary magazine.

At the Homecoming Parade, Jill Stevenson and Lisa Bowes purchase balloons from SADD to show their school spirit.

Bass guitarist Paul Stankevitch strums a steady rhythm accompanying his band "Snow Blind" during their set of heavy and classic rock.

Student Life

Music and friends played vital parts in our lives

"Unique," said senior Gretchen Kraft when describing her life style. "Laid back," said Brian Hennessey, a sophomore.

It did not really matter what kind of life you led Woodson, Fairfax and D.C. had a lot to offer, from bowling alleys to the Museum of African Art. The different lives and experiences of students made Woodson a small version of this year's Art for Life theme, the Great American Patchwork Quilt.

Our colorful pieces were sewn together by float parties, dances and football games first as individuals and then as classes, despite our self-proclaimed differences in life styles. We took turns displaying our talents on the stage, court and field, publications and even in the classroom.

Many of us were busy with jobs, some with clubs, and others with sports; some students even managed combinations, or all of the above. It was a fast-paced life. Most importantly, we knew how to have a good time, unwind and relieve the stress of school.

by Jon Rozzell

Mrs. Audrey Moore talks with an attentive voter before beginning the debate which was held on Tuesday, October 20, 1987, and well attended by Woodson seniors.

Fairfax, Virginia, U.S.A.

The World Around Us

There are many things in our world that are beyond our control. Most of these things, however, affect the quality and nature of our day to day lives.

On November 3, 1987, our parents, older brothers and sisters, and teachers went to the polls. They sent a message to the Board of Supervisors that they wanted a slower rate of growth for the county. This Board controls our school and roads.

Virginians also voted overwhelmingly for a state lottery. This lottery will give both rich and poor the opportunity to become instant millionaires.

Many of us also learned that Washington is a great place to hang out.

In that election, many seniors had to contribute time to campaigns. They moaned and groaned but in the end learned a lot about the local political process.

"I think the time spent was really worth the while," said senior Steve Saari.

Many of us also learned that not only is Washington the seat of our nation's government, but also a great place to hang out.

This area has it all from great concerts to captivating museums. It's all there waiting to be explored.

by Jon Rozzell

One of Washington, D.C.'s most familiar landmarks is the obelisk shaped monument dedicated to George Washington, our first president.

A view from the Mall of the Capitol building, has a sleepy appearance.

Attitudes and Ideas

Just about everyone has an opinion on just about any topic from weapons in space to a lottery in Virginia. Some of our opinions are based on solid fact or personal experience while others are based on gossip or hearsay.

"I don't think the lottery's a bad idea. I might get rich," said Lee Yezek.

"I heard that..." is a phrase often uttered by Woodson students. Some things we heard we often took for fact; other things were disregarded as nonsense.

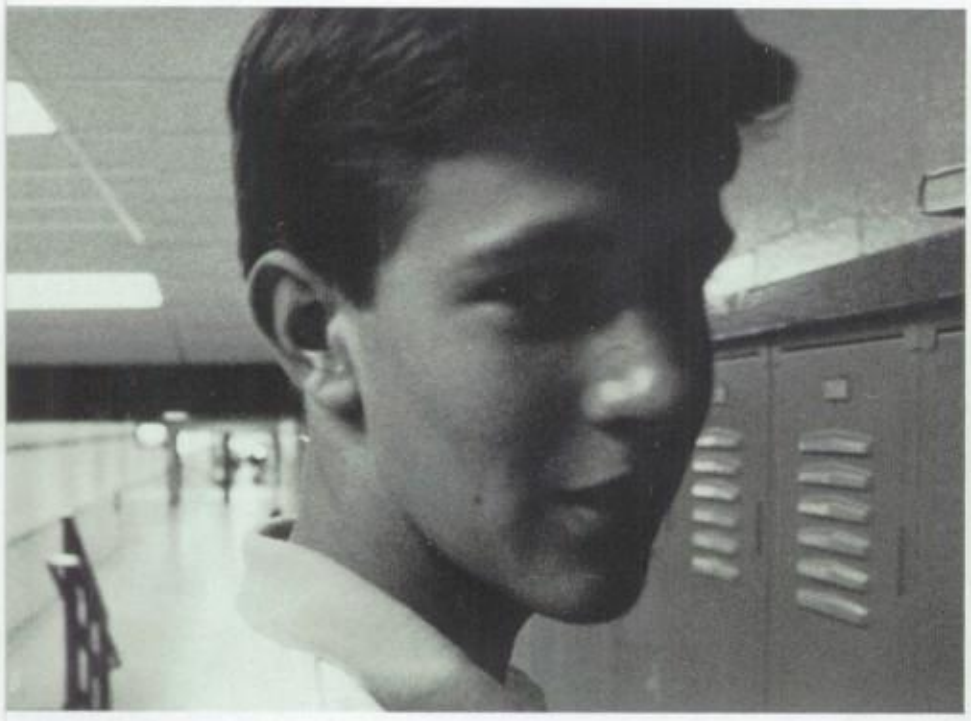
The Twins victory over the Cardinals in the World Series was a surprise to many of us, while others didn't really care. Other things, like a record snow in November delighted us. The horror of AIDS shocked us.

Few of us, pondered the fate of life on earth.

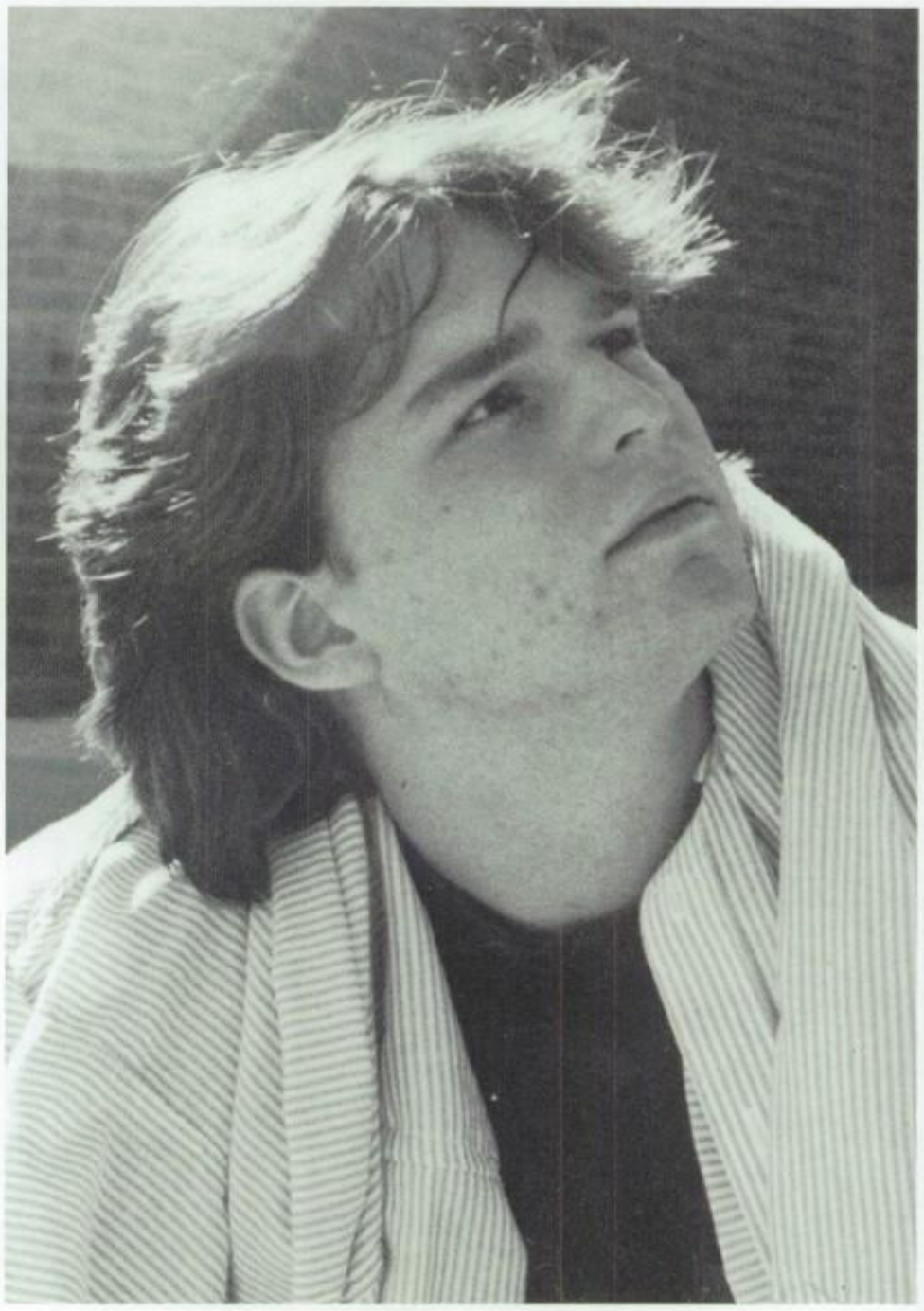
Few of us, however, sat around and pondered the fate of life on earth; we were more likely to ask, "Do you know of any parties going on this weekend?"

This range of attitudes and ideas gave Woodson a very thought-provoking environment.

by Jon Rozzell

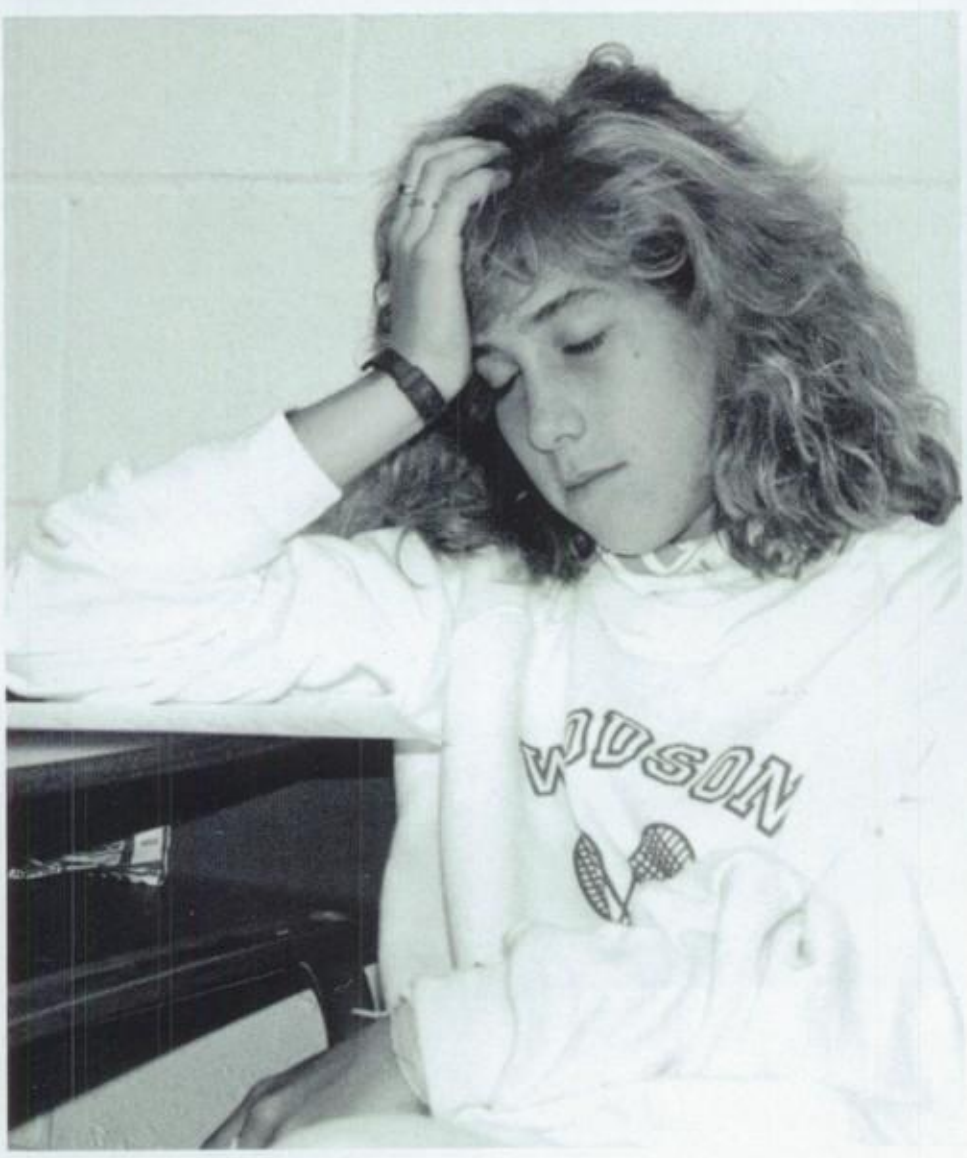


David Maloney on the Minnesota Twins victory in the World Series: "I don't care, I like the Red Sox."

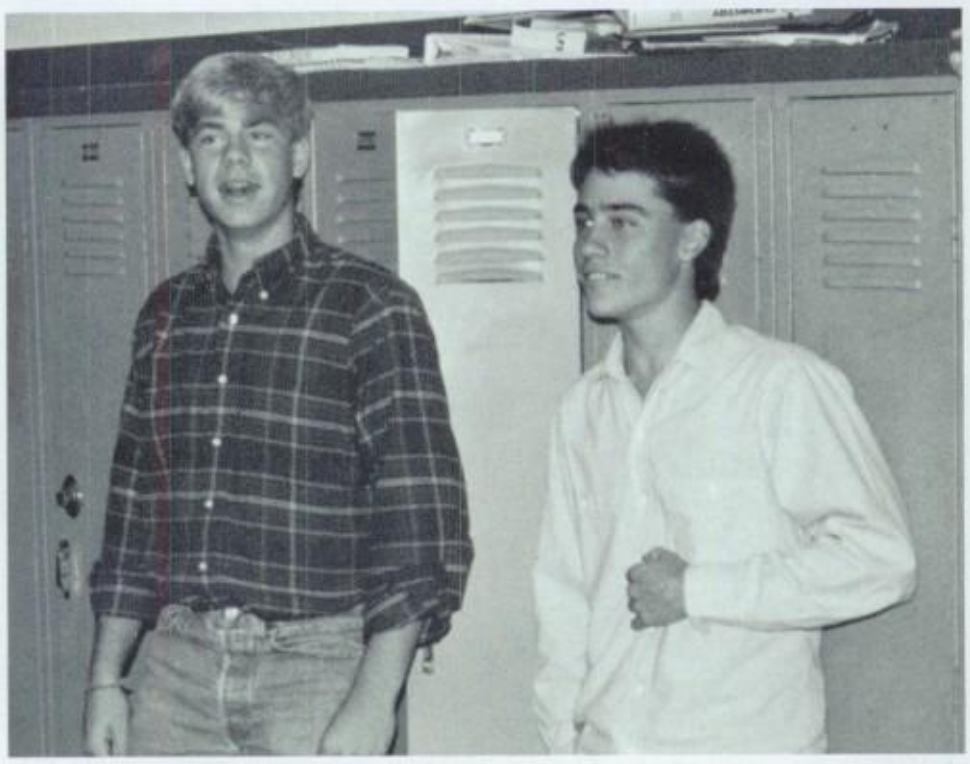


Chris Milner on Madonna: "I hear she might divorce Sean Penn. Here's my chance!"

The Andy Criswell credo: "I don't get everything I want, but I sure can try."



Allison Oshinsky takes a rest from her rigorous studying schedule.



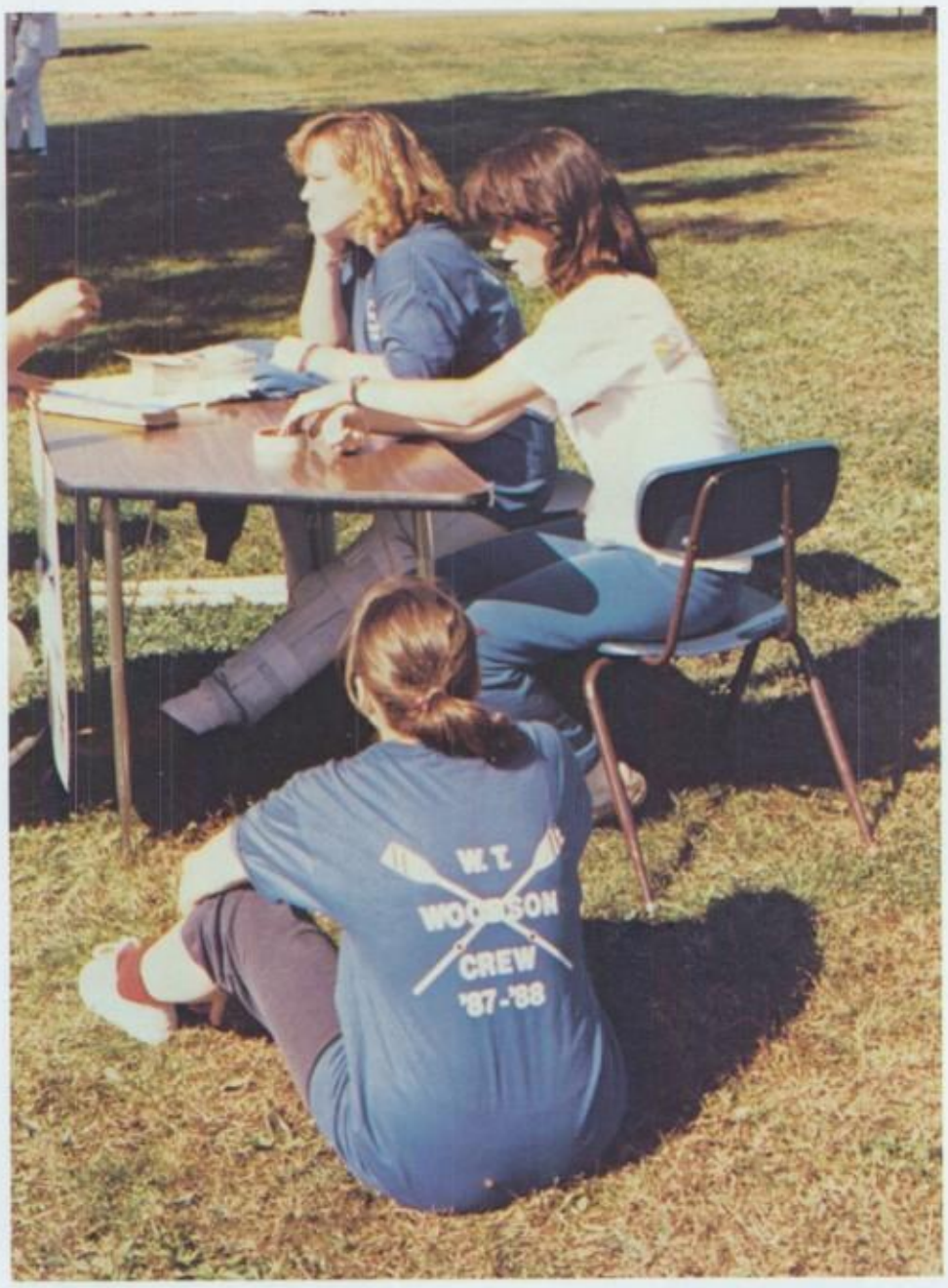
During break, Mike Palmer and David McBride discuss amusing aspects of the Supreme Court Nominees.

Across the spectrum of fashions, pants legs rolled up and skirts got a lift above the knees. Colors became truer; bluer blues and redder reds. The extremes of color, black and white, were always a trusty pair. All these styles were neither static nor dull.

In warm weather, some students like Frank Brennan chooses to wear flip-flops instead of shoes.

Mandatory footwear for skaters: Vision Street Wear. Jason Stevens wears his with pride.

In her red suede jacket, black turtleneck and hoop earrings, Megan Conway makes a fashion statement.



Dressed casually from head to toe in sweatpants and t-shirts are Jennifer Ehalt and Jennifer Hill.

Sporting his frosted Levi's, Heath Corso asks Andrea Gates a question.

Converse, Reebok's, Levi's, Outback Red,...

Personal Expression

Most of us will never be fashion moguls like Calvin Klein or Bill Blass, but we all like to show our uniqueness through our clothes.

"I think clothes say a lot about your self image," said Laura Johnson.

Clothes also say a lot about the times we live in. The eighties have seen unbounded optimism give rise to wild colors and prints. These patterns, prints and colors did eventually mellow, but they made a lasting impression on such things as surf and skate clothing.

Many of us were willing to pay dearly for the "in" styles. Jeans and shirts, skirts and blouses costing up to $200, while not common, were not unheard of either.

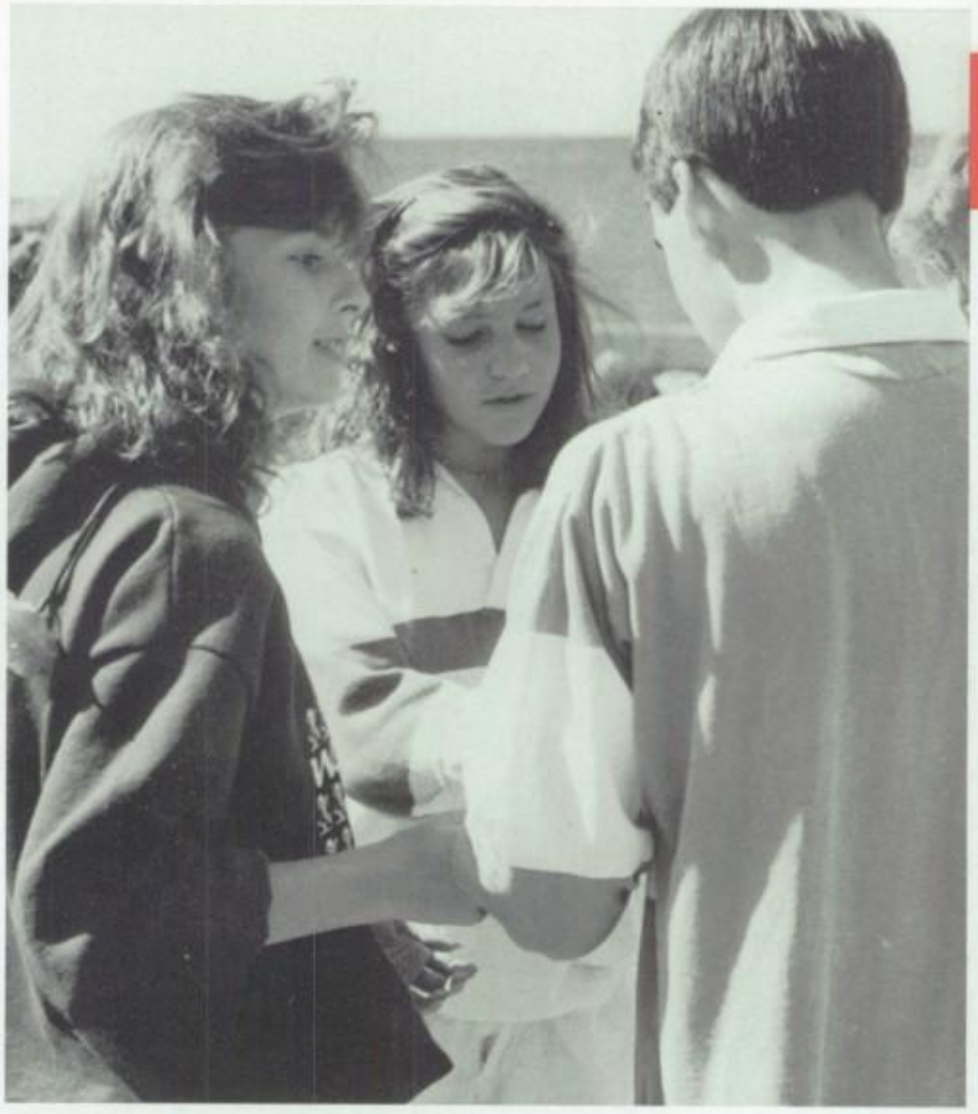
"I think clothes say a lot about your self-image."

Not everyone bought expensive clothes, though. Some dressed down in torn jeans or simple sweatpants and t-shirts. This casual look could be found in all corners of the school. Hair styles, too, varied from short to long, wavy to straight, dreadlocks to mohawks.

All the different styles evident at Woodson kept the halls bright and alive with color and unpredictable variety.

by Jon Rozzell

After working all night on their class float, Tanya Smithson and Jeneth Cottrell talk to a friend about which class should win the float.



Sitting at the bottom of the stairwell in the G Hall, T. D. Dittemore and a group of friends listen to their walkmans and joke around.

Rounding the corner after third period, John Finch and Becky Entlich are ready to put their books in their lockers and go to lunch.

Gathering together during break, Christy Jeffrey and three of her friends talk about how their first two periods went.

Someone To Count On

Who asked you for your last ten dollars to take a date to the movies? Who dared to call you at 2:00 a.m. just to tell you her boyfriend had just broken up with her? Yes, we only allowed one type of person to get away with this kind of behavior — a friend.

Over the course of the year, friends shared experiences both happy and sad. They laughed, cried, celebrated and had fun together. According to senior Roslyn Wolfe, "Friends were people you got along well with and people you respected."

Walking through the halls we saw friends gathered around lockers and hanging out in the front lobby. Friends talked about the upcoming football game or dance, or the guy or girl in their English class whom they would have liked to have known better. Peering into the library we found friends complaining to each other about tedious home-work assignments and yet helping one another with research projects.

While at other schools friends are associated with cliques, it was different here.We discovered open-minded students who accepted a new face with pleasure.

"A friend," said sophomore Richard Bullington, "is someone who is always there for you, who will always stick with you — through good times and bad."

Occasionally, we learned that our friends understood us even better than we understood ourselves. They provided us with a sense of security and good advice when we needed it. Without our friends, this year would not have been the same.

by Aliza Seelig

"A friend is someone who is always there for you, who will always stick with you — through good times and bad."

Gathering in the lobby before first period is a favorite way to pass the time for Scott Burton, Kathy English, Liz Stanley, Jason Love, Joanna Miller, and Carrie Cayton.

Down To The Wire

A feeling of jubilation filled the air as the crowd of 5,000 plus piled into Pat Cunningham Stadium on Friday, October 16, our Homecoming. Everyone— the players, the coaches and the fans, knew it would be tough to beat T. C. Williams High School. The fans came to see a good game and that was exactly what they got.

"It was about the most exciting high school game you could ever see," said Coach Ken Poates. "At half-time, we were down 10-0, but we came back with some key plays." And come back they did.

"It was about the most exciting high school game you could hope to see," said Coach Poates.

Among the highlights of the game was William Weaver's touchdown on a forty-eight yard punt return. Midway through the fourth quarter, James De Poy ran a quarterback sneak, scoring from the one yard line. Kyle Allison kicked every extra point. And all of this despite the fact that we had only four returning starters!

Although T.C. won 17-14, our Cavaliers played a thrilling game. Coach Poates commented, "We always play well against T.C. We were really proud of our players."

The game itself was rivaled by the spectacle on the field during half-time. The Band won first prize for small floats and the Class of '89 took first place in the large float competition with their rendition of The Flinstones. The competition included the seniors' Gumby, the sophmores' Charlie Brown, and the freshmen's Opus.

The 1987 Homecoming Court included Julie Burton, Susan DeGarve, Mia McKeta, Vicki Meginley, Christine Nowacek, Jode Osborn, Michelle Patterson, Kari Pless, Nancy Stengle and Julie Tollus. During the half-time festitvites, Mr.Billak crowned Cindy Hite 1987 Homecoming Queen. Said Cindy, "I was really excited to be chosen, and it was a great honor." Cindy's father added a little humor to the evening when Cindy's tiara fell and her father picked it up and placed it on his own head!

Among the crowd in the stadium sat many of Woodson's alumni. Ms. Head, one of Woodson's most spirited faculty members stated, "The return of so many of the members of the class of '87 made it a real homecoming for me."

At the end of the evening, Woodson fans filed out to their cars exhausted from cheering and sastified at having watched a tense, exciting football game and a colorful spectacle at half-time.

by Cheryl An

Junior Class officer Tim Kunihiro places the blue ribbon on the winning float as John Anderson looks on.

As part of the halftime festivities, Mr. Billak crowns Cindy Hite 1987 Homecoming Queen.

The running game was the key to Woodson's offensive attack. Number 33 William Weaver heads up the middle behind the blocking of Brian Kerns (63), Brandon Sullivan (43), and Brian Schiesel (53).

William Weaver's third quarter 69 yard punt return for a touchdown earned him congratulations from teammate Ricardo Hoyas (21).

Bands, Floats, And Cars

At noon, on a bright, sunny October 16, students hurried through the halls and rushed outside so they could be included in the best Homecoming parade ever.

Once outside, students realized the Homecoming parade was not to be taken lightly. One could buy anything, from pizza sold by the chorus, to used books, sold by the library. There was everything from a Fairfax County Police Department communications van, to five rock bands and tee-shirt painting booth.

People lined the front drive to get the best view possible.

A big, red fire engine signaled the beginning of the long awaited parade. People lined the front drive to get the best view possible as the Pep Band led the parade playing the school's fight song. A myriad of cars followed, carrying the members of the Homecoming Court. The International Affairs Club provided an interesting sight as they paraded by dressed in clothing from various parts of the world.

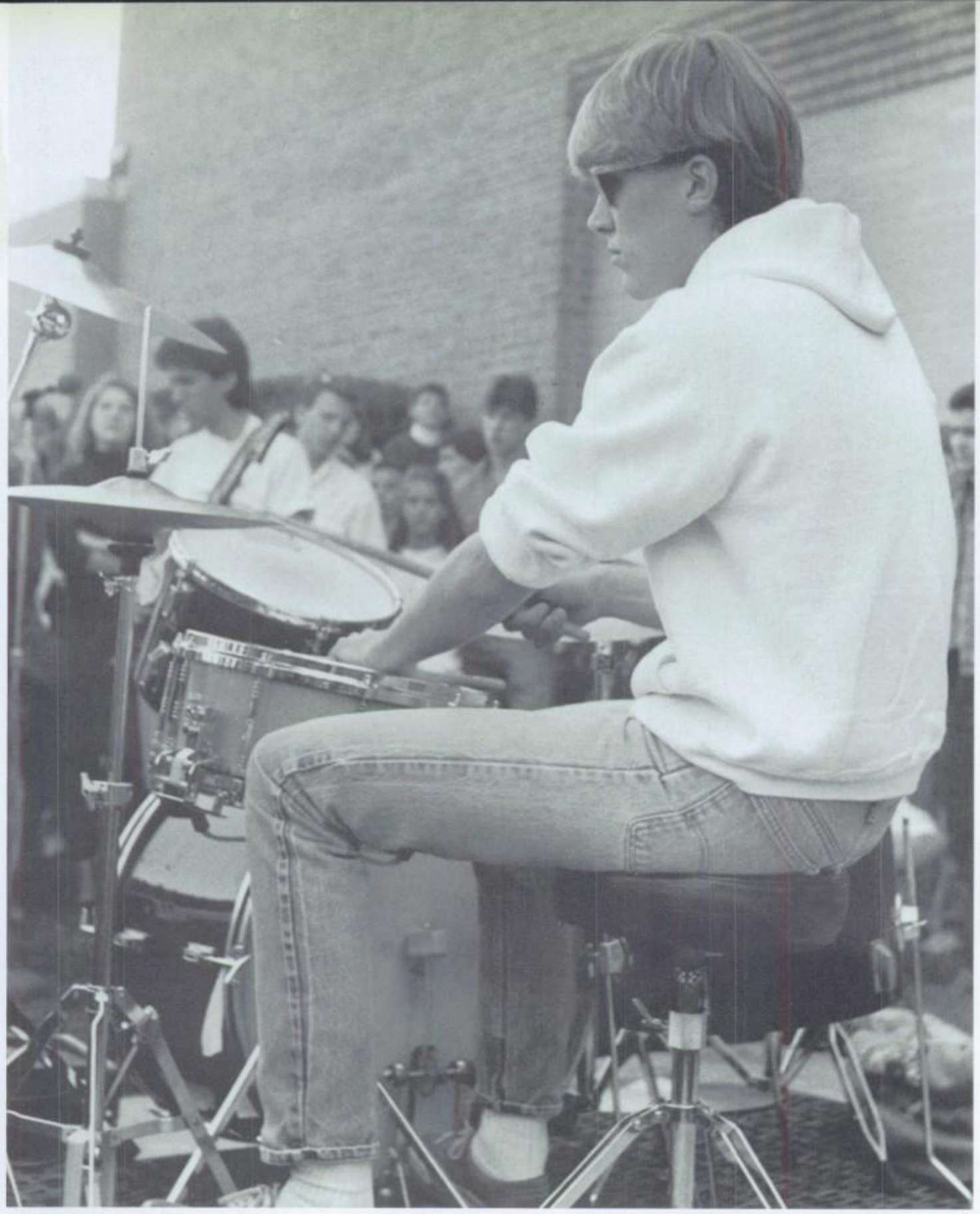
After the Precisionettes, the cheerleaders and the football players had all passed by, it was time for the colorful floats.

As the parade ended, students returned to buying food and gifts, all the while anticipating that night's Homecoming game.

by Inger Brown

The chorus sells pizza during the parade to make money for its trips. Counting the money is Won Jae Hong; cutting the pizza while Polly Browder and Erica Baisch wait eagerly is Kim Bladen.

The clarinet line consisting of (r to l): Mike Scarborough, Chrisitine Lekstrom, Sung Hekim, and Andrea Yonts marches by during the parade.



A future Cavalier delves into a slice of pizza.

"Big Hraka At Sifflay" entertained the crowd before, during and after the parade. Keeping time and providing a variety of riffs and fills is drummer Tom Sherwood.

Representing one of Woodson's oldest and most interesting clubs are, in front, right to left: Carl Kugler, Karen Foster, Clare Barrett, Ameet Patel, and club president Ray Boyd.

Sophomores Abby Smith, Derek Moore, Jay Entlich, and Corey Magee ride their Charlie Brown float with pride during the Homecoming Parade.

The weeks of hard work ended in

A Fleeting Float Frolic

A comical array of characters, from Gumby to Opus, Charlie Brown to Lucy, to the Flintstones, visited our school on Friday, October 16. They came dressed in flowers made of tissue paper wearing signs that encouraged Woodson's football team to beat T.C. Williams in the Homecoming Game.

The Junior float, which won first place in the annual float competition, depicted a scene from the Flinstones, a stone age family seen in the funnies and on T.V. every weekday afternoon. According to Joe Romano, one of the juniors who worked on the prize winner, the key to their success was the float parties. "We just sat around and made flowers," he said.

Snoopy and Woodstock made people stop and look. Unfortunately, these people were commuters.

The seniors, however, behaved like students practicing for a big Senior Slump. They stayed up into the wee hours of Friday morning finishing their Gumby float. Heather Perrine even donated her family's toilet paper to finish the banner that said "'88" when the white tissue paper ran out at 12:30 Thursday night (or was that Friday morning?)

Another classic, the sophmores' float, showed Charlie Brown trying once again to kick the field goal with Lucy holding the ball.

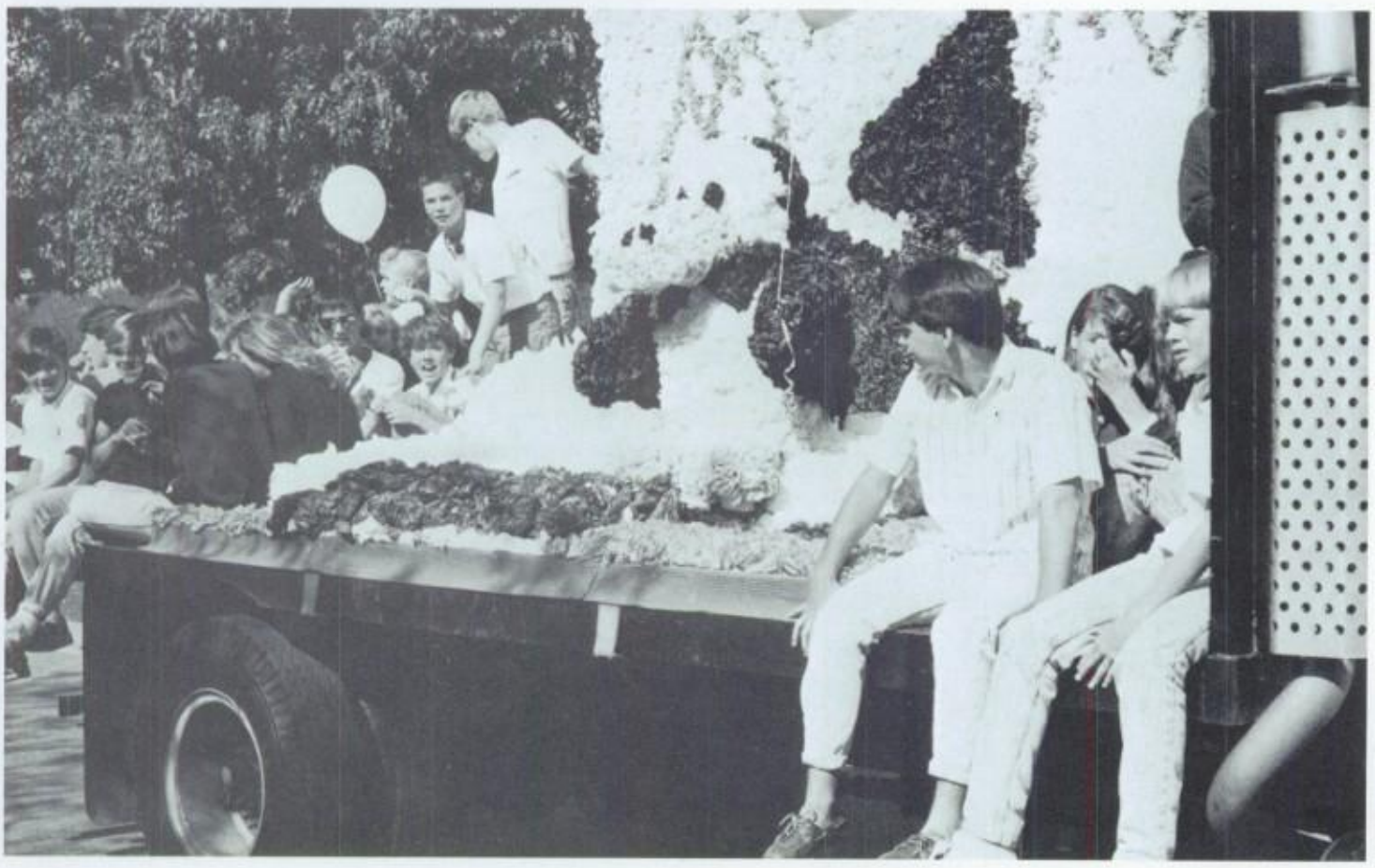
Natasha Hennessy said of the freshmen's creation, Opus standing on an iceberg, "I think he's cute." Although he looked cute, Opus could not defeat the band's Snoopy and Woodstock in the small float competition. Snoopy and Woodstock made people stop and stare — unfortunately, those people were driving to work during rush hour on Friday morning on Braddock Road while the float was being hauled to school from its home base, Beth Farner's house.

In spite of little mishaps, the floats proved successful both in decorating Braddock Road and promoting class spirit.

by Terry Stryer

Juniors Karen Karver and Tim Davis make flowers for their winning float, the Flintstones, at Tricia Popular's house.

Gumby gets some finishing touches from Seniors Guy Sandin and Jenny Hauenstein working in Heather Perrine's garage.



Excited freshmen John Howland, Alan Reichbart, Heather Bowers, Scott Burton, Chris Norris, Phil Gutensohn and Jason Love proudly surround their first float. With a lot of hard work, Opus turned out well.

Dancing and dinner made for "Good Times"

Controlled Frenzy

The hype began with the morning announcement, "Homecoming Dance tickets will be on sale this Thursday and Friday only, between the cafeterias during lunch and at the cage after school." Students waited eagerly for their tickets which cost eight dollars per couple.

For most couples, or groups of couples, the evening began with dinner. These people could be found all over — from Alexandria to Arlington, Falls Church to Farragut West. Trinette Leoporaati and her date Jeff Miller went

> *"It was well organized .... a good dance."*

to Manhatten's in Fairfax, then "got our pictures taken, went into the gym and danced, then we met some friends," said Trinette. The theme of the dance was "Good Times", which is exactly what most couples had. "It was really well put together," said Trinette. "It was organized well, with a mixture of slow and fast, old and new music. It was just a good dance."

The live band, The Adams, rocked so much that the gym's walls shook. Dancers had to take breaks from the action and cool off in the hall. A controlled frenzy describes the movements of most of the students at the dance.

Once in the hall they found the photographers ready and willing to make a permanent record of their evening.

When the dance finally ended, couples left knowing that these were truly "good times."

by Jovanni Rozzelli

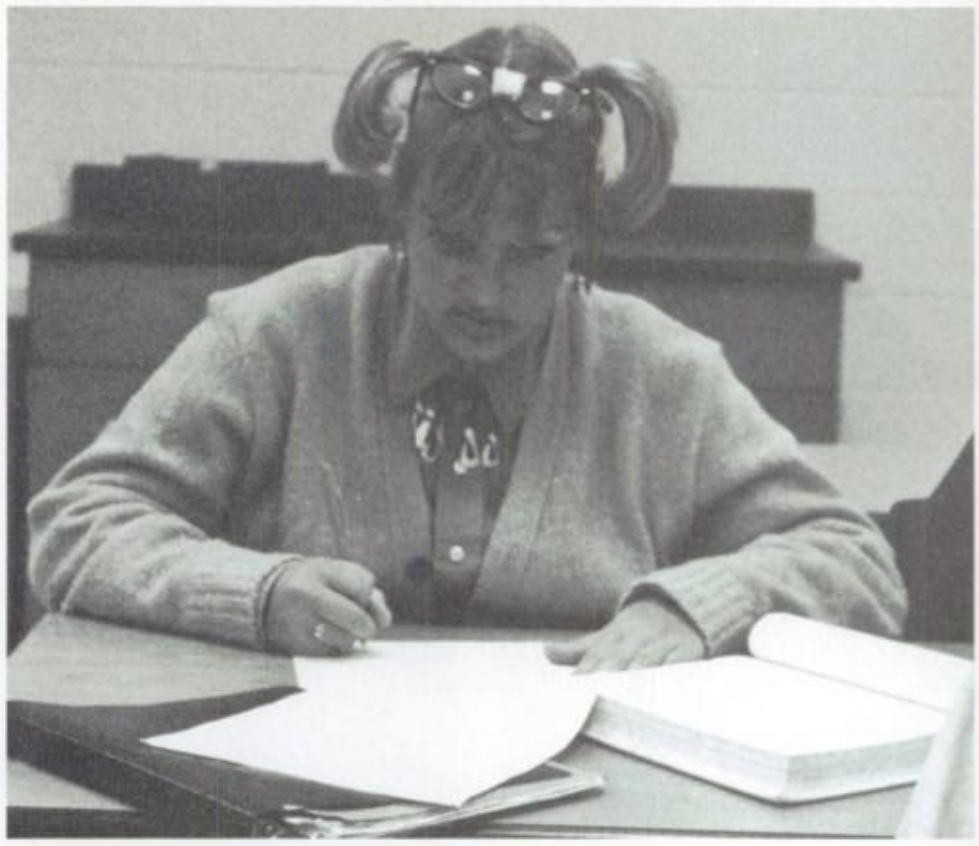
As the evening winds down, Sue DeGavre and Randy Williams enjoy a last slow dance.

Most couples enjoy the slow songs most because the dancing slows down long enough for them to get close.

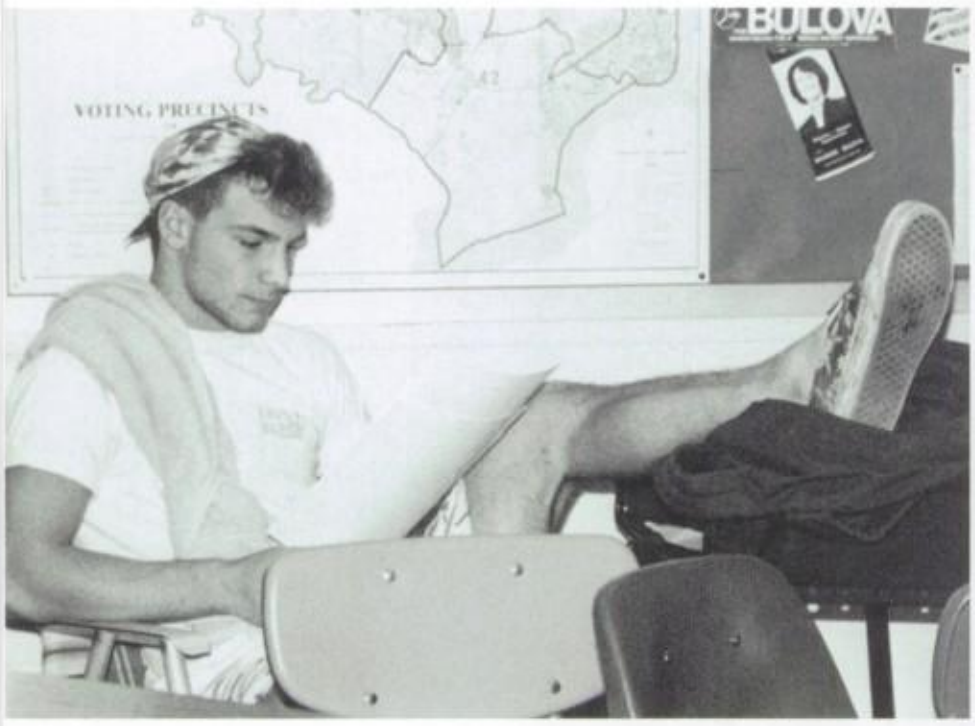
Trinnette Leoporaati and Jeff Miller await their turn to get their picture taken. The photographs arrived at school weeks later.

The action in the small gym turned dance floor got a bit too hot at times. Shanna Moore and Sue DeGavre take a break to catch their breath.

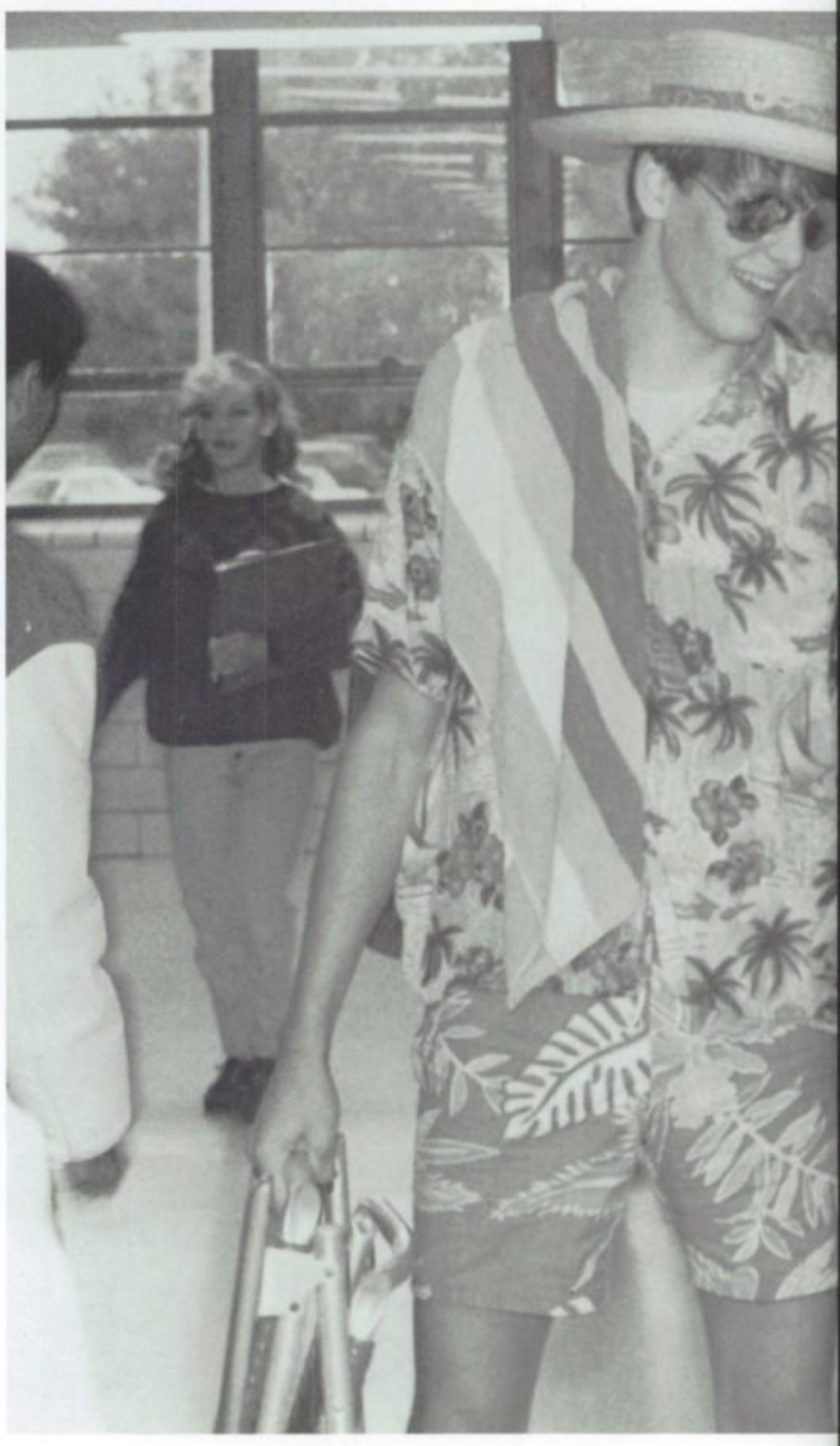
Dancing the night away, Mark Thompson gives Jennifer Brown a twirl.



Nerd Day gives Lea Ziobro a chance to show what happens to people who work too hard on vectors in Mr. McCleod's physics class.



In anticipation of Beach Week, spirited Senior Mark Thompson dresses for Beach Day.



Before first period, Tom Phillips discovers that he is not the only one dressed for Beach Day.

Sporting a smile and the latest beach wear, Scott Chesbrough shows his school spirit.

Twins for a day, Heidi Daniels and Jarrett McCleskey head to their lockers after a long Pajama Day.

Spirit hit Woodson like a tidal wave

Shock Waves

During the four day week of October 13 through 16, a sense of barely suppressible excitement emanated from the very walls of our school. The weather was perfect — clear, crisp, sunny. It was exactly what we ordered for that all important fall tradition: Spirit Week.

On Tuesday, October 13, sleepy students stumbled off buses and out of cars, looking as though they had slept through their alarms. Pajama Day, of course. Robes, slippers, night caps and pj's temporarily replaced jeans and sweaters.

On Wednesday, horn-rimmed glasses and plaid pants with waists pulled up to the armpits became vogue as students donned their homeliest oufits for Nerd Day.

Thursday arrived and students headed back to the beach. Numerous faces displayed a white triangle of sun-block on their noses and many shoulders were draped with beach towels. Freshman Steven Barnes commented, "When we had Beach Day, it really felt like we were at the beach. My friend wore a wet suit."

> *"On Beach Day, it really felt like we were at the beach."*

Finally, on Friday, students participated in the traditional Blue and White Day. Most students and faculty wore blue and white clothing and some spirited students went so far as to paint their faces and hair blue and white.

The tradition of dressing up for Spirit Week fostered enthusiasm and excitement for the end of the week's culminating activities: the Homecoming Parade, the football game, the float competition and the Homecoming Dance.

by Emily Allen

Finding summer very enjoyable, George Stankevich tries to get the full effect of the sun's rays.

At Carter Rock, Karen House and Stephanie Hurley take a break from climbing and hiking.

For Kristen Halizak and Lizzy Saltzman, the beach is a great place to get a tan or just relax.

The dinosaur replicas near the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History on the mall prove quite a treat for Wendy Vellrath, Theresa Cary and Mike Casko.

Summer is a time to rest and forget school.

Just Horsin' Around

While some people were off in foreign lands seeking new experiences and others were in the classroom seeking to expand their minds, many more students sought surf and sand and rest and relaxation during the summer.

As soon as the '86—'87 school year was over, many headed straight for the beach. Once there, students could count on an almost endless array of parties to go to and tanned bodies to look at. As students themselves struggled to shed that pale look, they often ended up looking more like lobsters.

Another popular summer hot spot was Kings Dominion. The two hour drive in sweltering heat was made well worth it by the always wet Diamond River and Log Flume rides.

Many headed straight for the beach.

Closer to home, some found Washington a great place to let off some steam. The museums, open everyday and always free, were also air—conditioned.

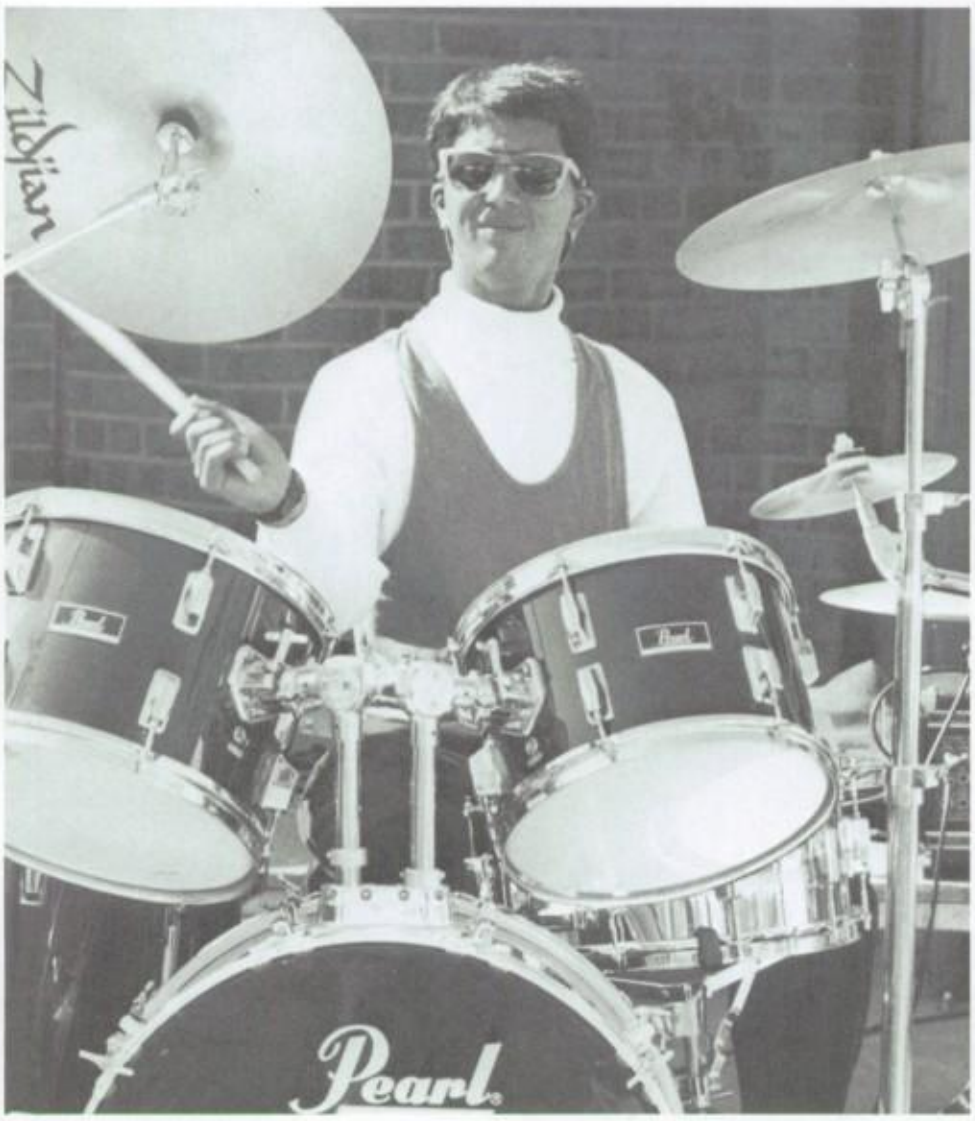
Camp counselor Cindy Houghton, however, found the wilderness to be a more suitable enviornment than either the beach or the city. Camping was the most popular way to "get back to nature" without feeling too far removed from surburbia.

However, it didn't really matter what you did or where you went last summer as long as it was fun!

by Jon Rozzell

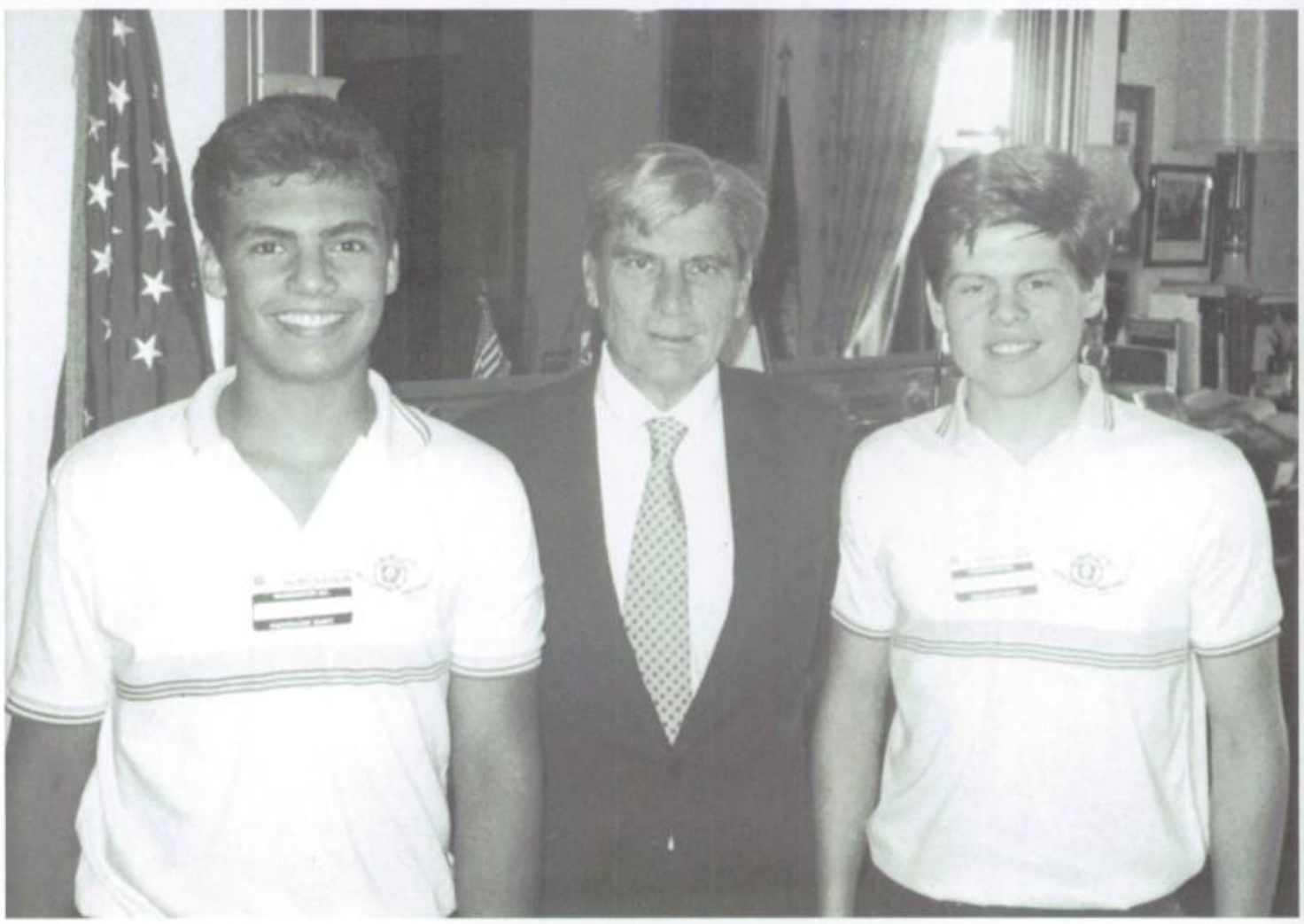
As one of Woodson's Girls' State representativee. Jennifer Finley worked with fellow delegates in a mock Virginia State Assembly.

Giti Khalsa, shown here playing at the Homecoming Parade, played drums for the Garfield Cadets over the summer. Garfield is one of the most prestigious drum corps in the nation.



At Boys' State, Ray Boyd was elected Senate Majority Leader and went on the represent Virginia at Boys' Nation. The representatives were given the opportunity to meet their real life counterparts; here, Ray and his fellow Virginia representative meet Republican Senator John Warner of Virginia.

(Opposite page) Margie Arrivillaga takes a moment to pose with the friends she made at Girls' State.



"Summer School" With a Twist

Summer...a time for relaxation, beaches, parties, school. School? Not regular old "Fairfax County, 7:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m." school, but school to fit an individual's special interests. Many students found themselves at such school during the'87 summer. Some students were selected to attend Governor's School or Boys' or Girls' State. Others spent their vacation at educational programs on their own accord.

This past summer, four students attended Governor's School, educational programs on college campuses during the summer for high school students. Debbie Fisher attended the mathematics, science and technological program at Viriginia Polytechnical Institute from June 21 to July 18. There she took classes and worked on a comprehensive project with other sudents from some of Virginia's top high schools. Following a similar curriculum, Heidi Deringer went to the University of Richmond from July 5 to August 1 for the humanities program. From June 28 to July 25, Emily Yang and Matt Smith went to Radford for the Governor's School of Visual and Performing Arts, which was taught by free-lance artists. Emily and Matt, both music students, took a humanities class with other art students as well as music classes. Matt and Emily both participated in four recitals in which they performed solos or in small ensembles. Heidi Deringer felt that the program was "more fun than work. It was a real tear jerker at the end—no one wanted to go home."

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In a shorter program, Girls' and Boys' State, eight Seniors got to play government for a week.

"Each dorm was a city. We elected local and state governments," explained Margie Arrivillaga, who attended the program with Patty Reeder, Cindy Hite and Jennifer Finley. Participants in Boys' State were Ray Boyd, Jarret McCleskey, Kyle Koontz and Byron Jenkins. Ray, who had been elected Senate Majority Leader, went on to represent Virginia in Boys' National State. There, he was elected Attorney General.

Many students found themselves busiest in areas in which they excelled. Senior Giti Khalsa, for example, toured from June 19 to August 15 with America's leading drum corps, the Garfield Cadets. He began practicing with the cadets in November of his junior year. Playing side-line percussion, Giti improved his drumming abilities and became a more disciplined musician. Wendy Vellrath attended Cornell University's Architecture Program. Her classes consisted of two freshman architecture classes: Studio Design and Design Fundamentals.

"Architecture is one of the most difficult majors...People would take one look into my tired eyes and say,'You're an architecture student, aren't you?' I didn't get much sleep," Wendy laughed. "I'm glad I attended the program. I know what to expect now as an architecture major."

These summer programs involved work, but students swore it was all worth the effort. Who said "Life's a beach"? For some of us, the classroom was the place to be during the summer.

by Jennifer Bryson

Some students spent the summer abroad.

Globe Trotting Summer

Some of us partied this summer, and some of us "fiesta"'d. Many of us watched the Tour de France on TV, and a few of us watched it from the curb de la rue. Most of us suntanned on the sands of Ocean City, but a few of us caught rays on the sands of the Sinai Desert. Our students roamed the world. Travellers went overseas with their families, school groups and youth groups.

One avid traveller, Sarah Smith, participated in the NACEL exchange program. In this program, Sarah lived with a Spanish family in July.

"When I first arrived in Bejar, I couldn't understand anything my 'family' said to me. We spent a week demonstrating and acting out words, " recalled Sarah whose Spanish improved from picking up the idioms and expressions of the country. Although she visited many Spanish historical sites and famous landmarks, Sarah felt that the highlight of the trip was meeting Spaniards. Her Spanish friends gave her a taste of teenage life in Bejar: parks in the daytime, fiestas at night, and mountain hikes on the weekends.

Rather than visiting foreign countries to learn a language, some students toured Europe for its art and history. Michelle Paul, Diane Egede-Nissen, Lisa Luck, Vanessa Zeiner and Julie Hermann were five students who, through the Fairfax County Humanities Trip, visited France and England. Following two weeks of art, literature and history study at Lake Braddock High School, fifty-six students set out for England. During their ten days there, they had a 'homestay' of three to five days in which they lived with families. Other days were spent visiting the famous sites of the country. On the eleventh day, the students split up: some went to Germany, some went to Spain, and some went to France.

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"After a while, we got tired of cathedrals and castles...four days in Paris was a nice break," commented Michelle who felt she had seen it all after London, Oxford, Dover, Mt. St. Michel, Chambourg, the Loire Valley and, of course, Paris.

As the sun rose on June 27, Greg Feder's flight landed in Tel Aviv. He and a youth group of twenty-eight other teenagers arrived in Isreal.

"We couldn't believe that we were really there — the place where it all began," remembered Greg. On this trip, Greg visited religious sites, such as the tomb of Rachel, the Dome of the Rock and the Wailing Wall, which is the only wall remaining since the second Temple built by the Jews was destroyed. Along with touring, Greg's group attended field school for a week and worked in a kibbutz (communal farm) for a week. For three days and two nights the group camped in the Sinai Desert and hiked Mt. Sinai.

"It was really depressing to leave in the end. We started out as strangers but had become the closest of friends," Greg commented. "And out of only eight weeks in Israel, I got a lot of great memories and ten rolls of film!"

No matter where students travelled last summer, they considered their travels to be the best experiences of their lives. The advantages of visiting foreign countries were numerous, from improving language vocabulary to improving understanding of different cultures. As Sarah Smith said, "Travelling forced you to grow up and to become more accepting of people. I understood people much better after my trip than I ever did before."

by Jennifer Bryson

Greg Feder travelled extensively throughout Israel during the summer. In Jerusalem, Greg Feder stands in front of the Dome of the Rock and the western Wailing Wall.

When Henry Schleimann discovered the ruins at Mycenae, Greece, he thought he had also found the burial sight of Agamemnon. Woodson students Jim Zois and Kim Starr admire the walled city that years of excavation has uncovered.

Many natural and man-made wonders can be found in Italy. Madame Nelson, Mrs. O'Donnell and Vanessa Zeiner enjoy the sights they found there.

New lockers, combinations and schedules left students

Groping in the Dark

The relaxing, hot, lazy days of summer came to an end and students were in store for a load of work, mixed with a lot of fun. Seeing all the old teachers, and getting to know all the new ones; greeting all the new students and catching up with old pals was a never ending cycle in the halls and classrooms during the first week of school.

Students stumbled through the hallways, unsure of their whereabouts. All wondered why the lockers had been changed, who was in their fourth period, and who shared their lunch, what their math teacher would be like, and if we had gotten new cooks in the cafeterias.

"How many more days 'til summer?"

The bright, shining and excited faces moved like ten-way traffic through the halls. Occasionally a jam occurred. The new lockers were a big deal. Either people were very pleased with their new locations, or very unhappy about the whole thing. Some people protested, but all learned to live with it.

One freshman smiled and said, "Woodson is big but great! Much more freedom than Frost. Definitely!"

Sophomore Pam McMains uttered, "How many more days 'til summer?" as she stared into her bare locker.

Three juniors: Lissy Saltzman, Stephanie Hurley, and Melissa Stuart agreed, "Being an upperclassman is definitely more fun! It is excellent!"

An old timer, senior Jenny Lapp, said, "The past three years have gone by so fast! And now that I'm a senior, I'm so busy that this year is going by faster than any other year."

By the first week, the fall sports had started and colorful, new uniforms bloomed at Woodson. The football team swung into action. It opened the season with a win over Falls Church the Friday before school started. Another home game, played on Friday, Sept. 11, tied things together for that first week of school. After the football game, fans flocked to the Senior Class sponsored soc-hop.

Almost everybody survived the first week of school. Confusion, excitement and laughter filled the halls. Students looked forward to meeting new people, getting involved in fall activities new teachers, a higher class standing and a new year.

by Karen House

Students file into the stadium on the first Friday of school to see the pep rally.

The first week of school also meant new lockers for everyone, not just freshmen.

The first week back in school for many students meant getting used to riding those big yellow and black buses again.

These JV cheerleaders try to sell programs to Bill Armstrong, Mark Bouck and Michael Keenan during Woodson's first game against Falls Church. The Cavaliers shut the Jaguars out 34-0.

Shannon Cake gets a lift from Mark Thompson, Frank Brennan and Randy Williams while Vicki Meginely, Sue De Gavre, Christie Yang and Jea Han cheer on.

Joyous Celebration

Who has the authority to raise and support armies? Does the Constitution fix the number of judges of the Supreme Court at nine? How many times is the word "Indians" used in the Constitution of the United States? In voting to override a presidential veto of a bill, which House of Congress votes first? Under certain circumstances, one person other than the Senators is allowed to vote in the Senate. Who is that person?

The Student Union officers read these Consititutional trivia questions over the morning announcements during the week of September 14-18, in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. Each day, the name of the students and teachers who answered the questions correctly and cited the article and section in which they found the answer were placed in a random drawing; one student and one teacher were chosen daily. The student winners received free tickets to the football game against Annandale, and the teachers won free Big Bite lunches. At the end of the week, the names of the daily winners were placed in another random drawing, and the grand prize winners, Matt Smith and Mrs. Mary Ann Wates, received free Banana Royale ice cream sundaes from Baskin and Robbins.

Since the signing of the Constitution had more than a trivial impact, the Social Studies Department did more than just play trivia games in honor of its bicentennial.

"One thing about 1976, the 200 year commemoration of the Declaration of Independence — there was a lot of hoopla, but not much learning took place," said Mrs. Mary Hoch, one of the chairpersons of the bicentennial celebration. "Teachers hoped that by the end of October, students would have a greater understanding of the Constitution and its importance in their lives."

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In October, A.P. Government students took part in a simulation in which they played the parts of the men who actually attended the Convention. The classes voted on the same issues that Eldridge Gerry, Benjamin Franklin and George Mason did: Who would actually elect the president, whether the legislature would be unicameral or bicameral, whether states would have equal representation or representation by population, and how many years elected officials would serve. After days of caucusing, proposing new ideas, voting and debating, each class developed its own constitution.

At the end of October, government classes also held Jefferson Meetings, after the fashion of Thomas Jefferson who wondered if the Constitution would last for more than a generation, where students debated issues like judicial independence versus accountability.

Joan Challinor, Ph. D., a researcher at the Smithsonian Museum of American History, assured everyone that the Constitution has lasted more than a generation. She spoke during second and third periods on September 15 in the Lecture Study to American History and U.S. government students about what the Constitution means to high school students. Included in her presentation was a slide show that used eleven posters that she and the Smithsonian committee in charge of the bicentennial celebration made.

The next day, the school listened to the ceremonies at the Capitol as former Chief Justice Warren Berger read the preamble to the Constitution. Before sixth period ended, Mr. Bernie Thompson led the school in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The celebration continued when, on October 5, Theater IV of Richmond performed a musical called "We the People" to a school-wide assembly. The actors sang political songs drawn from the time between the end of the Revolutionary War and the signing of the Constitution. They invited audience participation in the familiar "Yankee Doodle Dandy," occasionally slipping in historical facts.

By celebrating the bicentennial of the Constitution, both students and teachers learned how the freedoms we as Americans treasure became part of our government. This realization gave the bicentennial more meaning than a display of fireworks could have. Through the special activities, the awareness of students was aroused, sparking interest in modern Constitutional questions, such as the Iran-Contra hearings and the confirmation hearings of Judge Robert Bork for the position of Supreme Court justice. From the Bill of Rights to the most minute technicalities in the qualifications for a Supreme Court justice, the Woodson community appreciated the document written two hundred years previously.

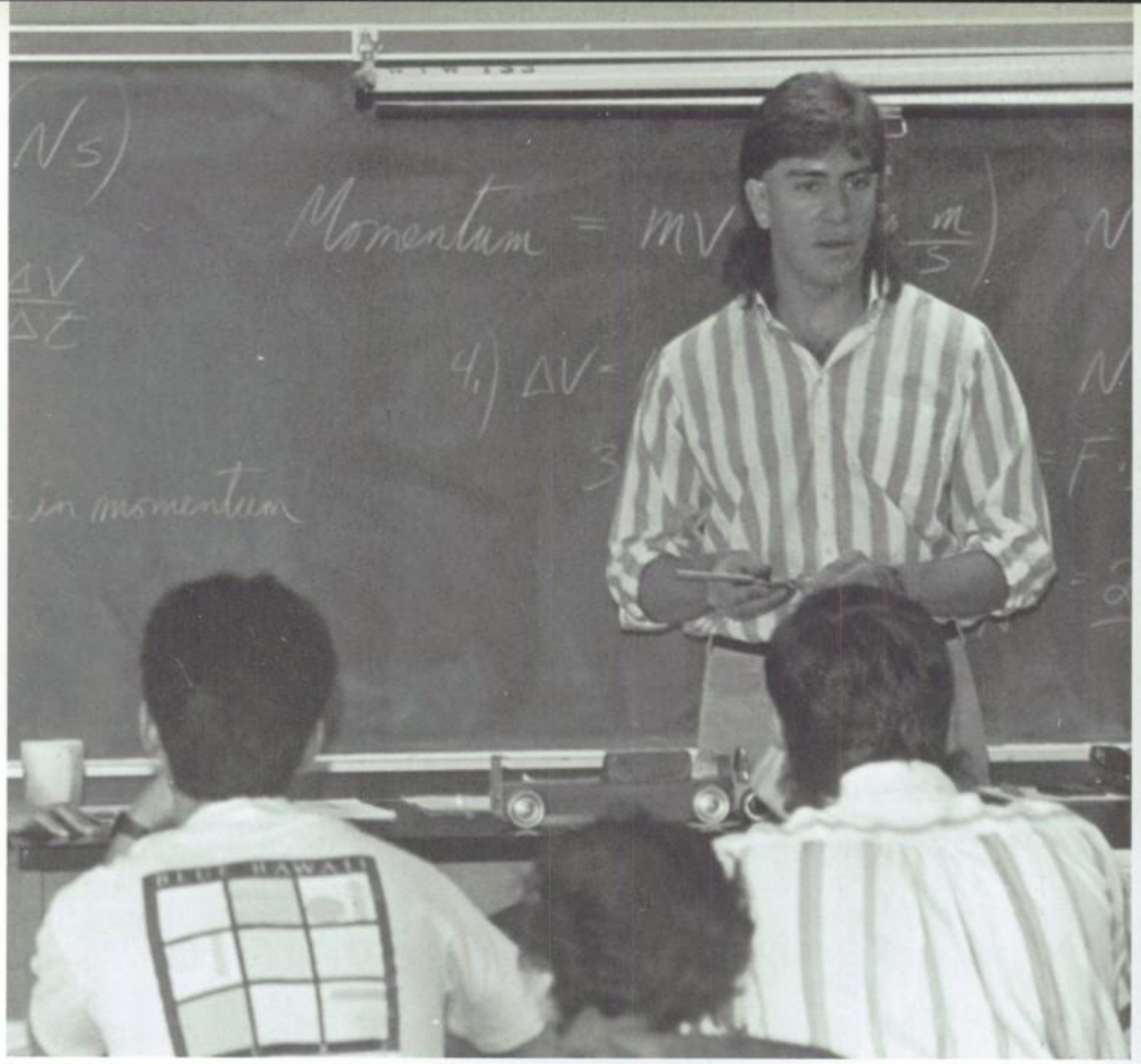
by Terry Stryer

During their performace in honor of the Constitution, members of the Theater IV troupe went into the audience to encourage students and teachers like Ann Brzonkala, Mrs. Frederick, Lenny Sylvia, Mrs. Hoebel, and Allison Smith to participate.

Dressed in clothes and singing songs from around 1787, Theater IV entertained the crowd.

Playing delegates to the Constitutional Convention, Dan Shanahan and Kathleen Bogan learn a lot about how the Constitution was written.

Joan Challinor, Ph.D., spoke to government and American history classes about how the Constitution affects us.



...where everyone thinks alike.
Mr. Cowden gives his answer as to the class.

...where everyone looks the same.
Rick McClinton wears his mohawk with pride.

...where everyone acts the same.
Megan Conway and Spring Hollis talk before their fashion design class.

To Each His Own

Imagine for a moment that everyone is the same as you. You know what they will say and do. You know everything about them and what they want. If this were true, the world would be a boring and predictable place, void of new ideas and thoughts.

Fortunately, Woodson is nothing like that world. Woodson's student body is a collection of individuals trying to maintain some sort of identity. Each of us cherishes this fact and respects the other's right to be unique.

The diversity of the student body is a tribute to our tolerance. Not everyone necessarily loved the student who wore a mohawk, leather, dreadlocks, wild clothes or several earrings, but their right to function as students and people was not interfered with.

Woodson is a collection of individuals trying to maintain some sort of identity.

This diversity is not only physical but mental. Woodson students have various backgrounds. Many have experienced living abroad and in other parts of the country. This year Woodson even had three foreign exchange students that added an international flare. Students carried these experiences in and out of the classroom, thus adding a new dimension and new ideas to classroom discussion.

by Jon Rozzell

...where everyone talks the same.
Meesha Bricksin expresses her views.

...where everyone dresses the same.

It was a year of leaps and bounds.

News of the Year

When school, and especially high school, is part of your life, there are only two seasons: school and summer.

As a measure of worldy events, our school year was rather imprecise, but it obviously served well in mapping out the two phases of high school life.

The school year was fairly predictable; it began rather slowly in early September and ended, for seniors at least, in mid June with graduation. Few people, on the other hand could have anticipated the Stock Market crash or Gary Hart's suprise reentry into the presidential race.

News neither began nor ended with school, but the school year was a handy guide to news worthy events. Here is a look at some items, both internationally and at Woodson that shaped our lives between September 1987 and June 1988.

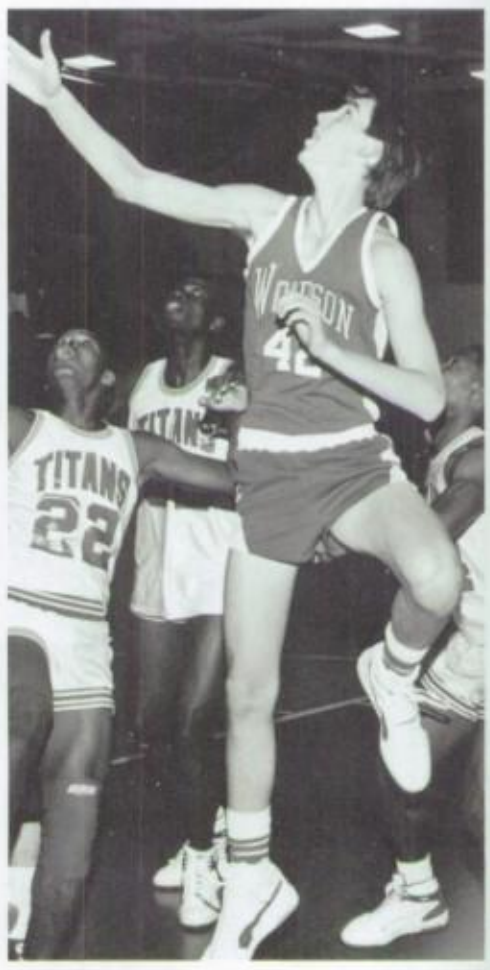
by Jon Rozzell

September 8, 1987—Summer comes to a crashing halt as school begins once more.(Below)Scott Colby and Young Kim discuss what they did over the summer.

September 17, 1987—America celebrates the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. (Opposite page) The Theater IV group of Richmond helps Woodson celebrate the historic document.

October 19, 1987—Black Monday, the Stock Market suffers the worst one day collapse in its history losing over 500 points on the Dow Jones Industrial Average. Economists and politicians argued for months over the causes, effects, and solutions.

October 23 1987—By a vote of 52—48 the Senate rejects the nomination of Judge Robert Bork for the Supreme Court. Civil rights and womens' groups challenged the nomination which was made to fill the position left by the resignation of Justice Powell.



January 31, 1988—The Washington area celebrates as the Redskins win Super Bowl XXII over the Denver Broncos by the score of 42—10. Quarterback Doug Williams is the hero, throwing for five touchdowns in the second quarter and setting several Super Bowl records.

February 1988 meant two things; the winter Olympics and leap day. Although the Olympics were somewhat dissapointing from an American standpoint, it was an opportunity for many to fulfill their dreams. Leap year meant another day added to the calendar and another chance for those born on past leap days to celebrate another birthday.

We as students will look back at the winter of 1988 with a good deal of dissapointment. Snowfall was off sharply and we only missed one day of school due to it. As winter gave way to spring, however, the Crew Club put its boats back in the water for just its second season.

March 5, 1988—Cafeteria B comes alive with the sounds of live music. Reggae artists NYABINGHI and progressive rockers the SMILEY FACES played through to midnight raising over $1000 for the senior class. Just days later, George Bush practically sewed up the GOP nomination while the Democratic side only got muddier on that first Super Tuesday primary.

November 18, 1987—The Iran—Contra report is released by Congress along with a dissenting opinion. Some consider this the scandal's final chapter. Just days later, a snow storm hits the Washington area to the amazement of just about everyone.

Winter would prove, however, to produce little snow much to the dissapointment of the student body.

December 7, 1987—Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev arrives in the United States for direct talks on reducing the superpower supply of intermediate range missiles. The meetings produce the INF Accord. Around the same time, the basketball season gets into high gear.

In a surprise move, Senator Gary Hart re-enters the Democratic race for the presidency. Hart had withdrawn due to his "friendship" with model/actress Donna Rice.

April 1-10—Students rejoice as spring break finally arrives.

Holidays are few and far between now as students anticipate prom and the end of school. Memorial Day marks the opening of area swimming pools.

May is, of course, prom time and many guys start to reach deep in their pockets and deep into their hearts to make sure they have that perfect evening.

June 15, 1988—This is the day that every senior has been waiting his entire life to experience—graduation. For the underclassmen, however, they could look forward to a sentence of up to three more years of hard labor and a few extra days added.

A Different Perspective

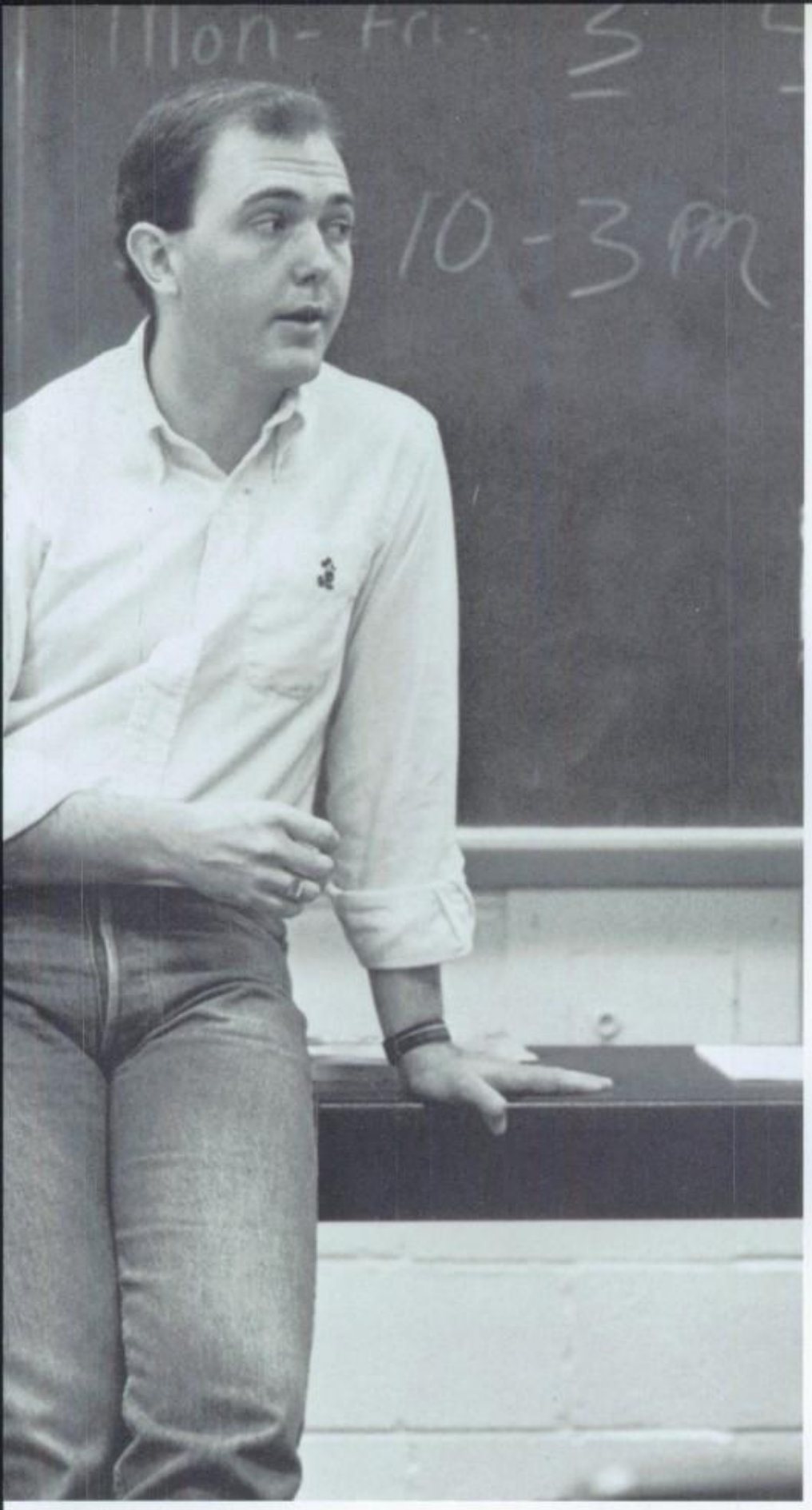
Visitors. What comes to mind when you hear the word "visitors"? Perhaps tourists, or friends coming to town, maybe house guests or martians from outer space, but what is meant by visitors in this case is parents, friends of teachers or professionals that came into school to speak to classes on their areas of expertise.

One of the most interesting student teachers was senior Jeff Suiter who went into Mrs. Spencer's AP American History classes and spoke about the Civil War. He wore an authentic Union uniform and carried a rifle and bayonet. Mrs. Foster's AP Government classes were also fortunate enough to have several enlightening guest speakers. Kathryn Kent's father, Mr. Denton Kent, spoke about Fairfax County government and state delegate Dillard spoke about state government.

Vistors to Woodson played an important role in bringing variety and a different viewpoint to the class-room.

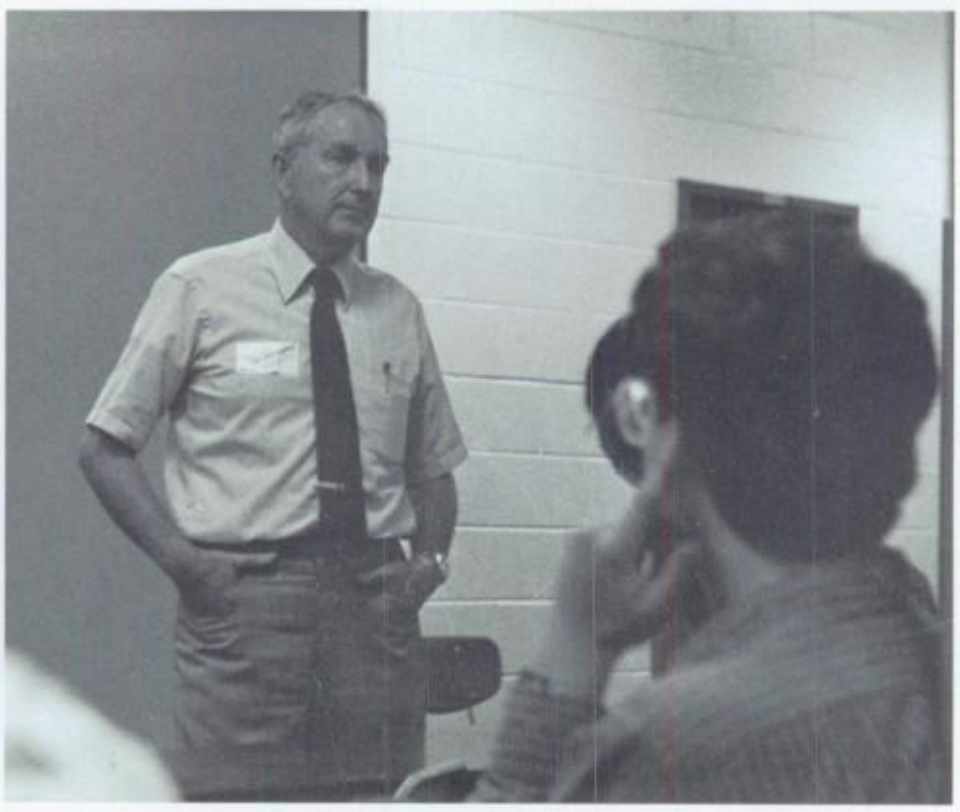
Bryan Fleming volunteered his mother to come into school and speak to Ms. Green's World History classes on ancient Egypt. Mrs. Fleming said, "I enjoyed it! I used to be a teacher so that was right up my alley. I brought in slides and pictures to try and make it more interesting." Dr. Joan Challinor came into Mrs. Hoch's government classes and spoke about the Constitution. In addition, many seniors heard from representatives and the candidates themselves who tried to deliver their message and recruit workers many of whom will be voting for the first time in November's presidential election.

Whether it be extra-terrestrials or house guests that comes to mind when you hear the word "visitors," Woodson's many visitors were both entertaining and enthusiastic about speaking to classes.



This representative was fairly successful in getting volunteers to work for Jack Herrity who lost his chairmanship of the Fairfax Co. Board of Supervisors in the November election.

Mrs. Fleming lent her expertise on Egypt to World History classes. Here, she shows the crowns of upper and lower Egypt.



In honor of the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, Dr. Joan Challinor spoke on how the Constitution affects us.

State delegate incumbent candidate Alan Meyer felt it worth his while to personally address students and teachers about his campaign.

"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care..." as Atsuko Miazawa celebrates her first Christmas in America with hosts Rod and Joyce Ruthven.

Dagmar Hengesback and Atsuko Miazawa share a funny experience about living in the U.S.

Making new friends is a large part of the foreign exchange experience; Deidre Orceyre smiles to show her approval of life in Wales.

At the March 5th "2.99 Special," Juan Climent jams with fellow NYABINGHI member Tom Devine. Juan is from Barcelona, Spain.

New experiences in a foreign land.

A Broad Smile

This year, Woodson had the unique experience of hosting several foreign exchange students. Atsuko Miazawa from Sendai City, Japan, Dagmar Hengesback from Meschede, West Germany, and Juan Climent from Barcelona, Spain, spent the school year living with host families and seeing American culture first hand. Atsuko thought that "At first, living in the United States was very frightening, but it has become an exciting and interesting experience." She also said, "I feel very lucky to be here and to be able to see the U.S."

In addition to our guests, Woodson senior Deidre Orceyre travelled to Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England, to live and study at Shrewsbury Technical School. Her home is in a small suburb just outside of Wales. Deidre feels that "Some people here that I've met and respected have a lot of negative opinions about America and Americans. They really don't like us." But, of course, not all felt that way. Exchange students, if they get involved like Juan Climent did in Woodson's reggae band NYABINGHI, can meet people whom they can keep in touch with and eventually visit again. Invaluable friendships were formed through the foreign exchange, which was a rewarding experience for those lucky enough to take part in it.

"At first, living in the U.S. was very frightening..."

by Julie Gustafson

Without holidays we'd get

Spooked Out!

Pumpkin Bells-Turkey-time-Happy Hanukkah-Jingle Bells-Happy New Year-Be My Valentine-Luck of the Irish-Wipe Out!

From the beginning of the school year, students couldn't wait until the first holiday break. Some students spent their vacations relaxing while others worked, did homework, watched football games, visited relatives or travelled.

While getting out of school for one day on Colombus Day, and Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday was great, the longer vacations like winter and spring break were the best.

On October 31, some students dressed up for Halloween or went to parties to keep the spooky spirits alive.

For many students, one of the big holidays during winter vacation was Christmas. Some, however, like Jennifer King and Tara Hollin took the opportunity to ski the steep, wide slopes of Wintergreen. "Skiing helps me relax and it relieves some of the pressures of school," explained Tara. On the other extreme, Allison O'Shinsky and her family travelled to hot and sunny Mexico during the winter vacation.

Just before winter vacation ended, many attended New Year's Eve parties like the ones held by Shane Crandall and John Finch. "New Year's Eve is best spent with friends at parties!" exclaimed sophomore Libby Harper.

Other than vacationing or staying home, holidays were times to spend with friends and family, enjoying each other's company and taking time to relax from tests, reports, and homework.

by Sasha Hennessy

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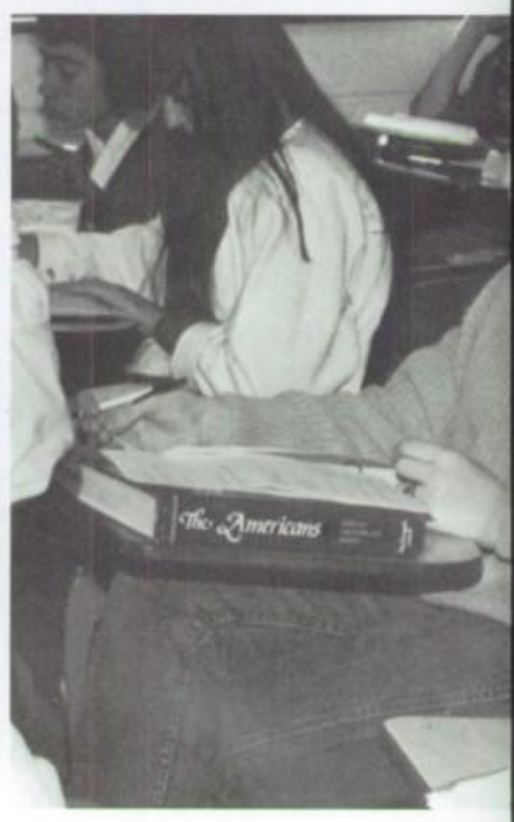
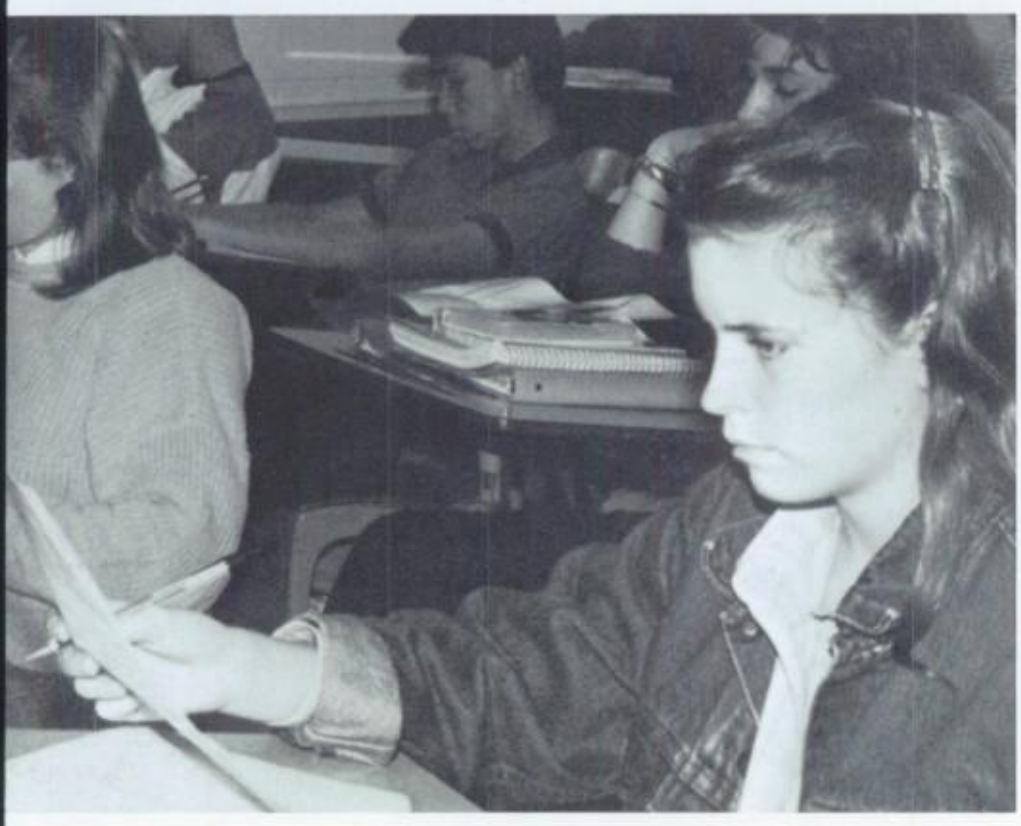
Just in time to watch the apple drop in Time's Square are Beth and Laura Johnson.



The freaks really do come out at night! Christine Nowacek and Rosemary Mottola made themselves into spooky witches for Halloween.

Ahhh....sunny Mexico. That is where '87 grad David and Allison O'Shinsky spent their winter vacation.



Most importantly to Amy McSwain and Sandy Probst is that holidays meant no homework.

During Act II of "Noises Off," Heath Corso gets all tied up by Joy Bleeker while Scott Adamson and Ray Good ponder their own troubles.

Mrs. Bedinger conducts a workshop for the spring musical "A Chorus Line" for interested students like Ray Good, Heath Corso, Donna Hirsch, and Danielle Springer.

In the Winter production of "Noises Off," Marianne Rossi, Dorothy Barton, and Holly Good perform a scene from Act I of the play.

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"It's...so,...so,..."

Incredible?

"YES!"

Woodson students as well as other people had the same comment about the Drama department's productions this year. Their gripping performances led audiences from tears to laughter. But behind all the glitter of the big stage, Woodson actors, actresses, student directors, and costume and set designers worked many long hours before presenting their spectacular shows.

The Drama department began this year with their showcase One Act play "At an Exhibition." The play was an original concept. Actors prepared their own creative audition. Once the cast had been picked, Woodson students themselves actually wrote the show. The play contained dancing, dramatic, humorous, instrumental, and vocal talents. On February 19 they used their one-act play again for the Fairfax County One Act Play Festival.

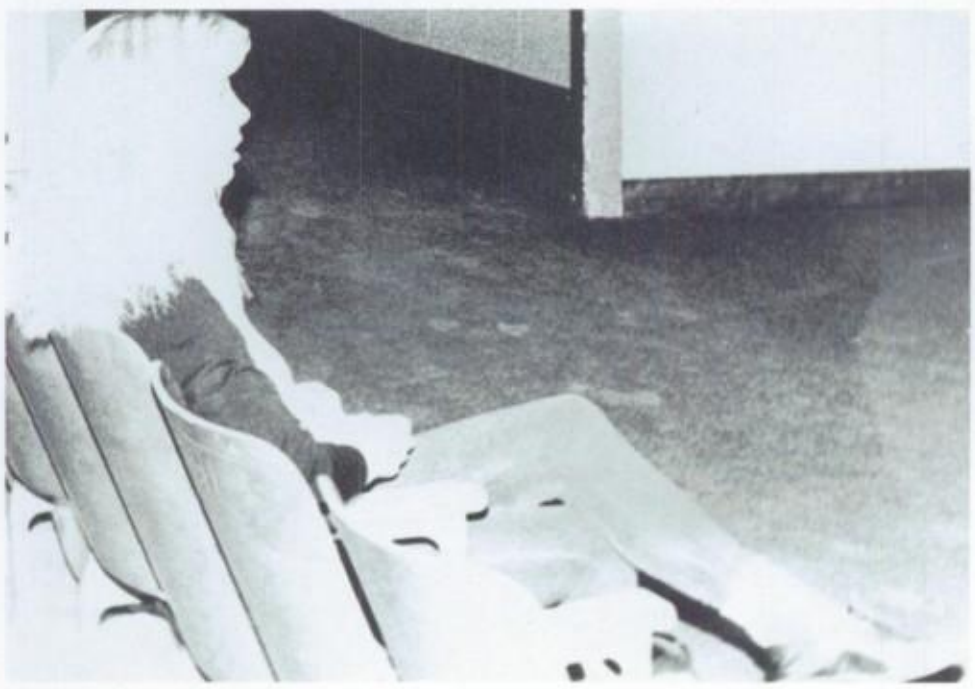
Noises Off, the winter production directed by Jodie Phillips, had audiences reeling with laughter. Much of the play consisted of slapstick, which involved precise timing. *Noises Off* is a play within a play. Holly Good, who played "Brooke", who played "Vicky" said, "It was kind of hard working with two characters. I was Brooke, and then I had to do Brooke's interpretation of Vicky." The cast said that even though the play was a comedy, when it came down to the last weeks before opening night there was little fooling around.

Their gripping performances led audiences from tears to laughter.

The grand finale for the year was *A Chorus Line*. To prepare for tryouts, students attended workshops. The workshops gave an insight into what was needed for an audition. Jennifer Juul and Ray Good coached prospective cast members in voice, and Jennifer Johnson taught them a dance. For the actual play, a former Broadway performer came in to choreagraph all the dancing. As in most productions, rough competition accompanied receiving an active role in *A Chorus Line*. Even with the stiff competition, everybody still remained supportive of each other.

The Drama department gave us their best in their performances. Once again they showed us that it was possible to outdo their former productions.

By Emily Allen



Dancer Jennifer Johnson takes a break during auditions for "A Chorus Line."

"Yo, Byron, What's the Word?"

"Hey, what's going on this weekend?" asked a student.

"Not much dude. What are you doing to do?" replied the second student.

Well that brings us to a big question mark. What did people from Woodson do on the weekends? For the most part it was hangin' out and cruisin' around. The important thing is where these activities took place.

For hangin' out there was always Fairfax McDonalds, Fair City Mall and Fair Oaks Mall. The Prosperity Ave and Pickett 7-Elevens usually held the key to the party scene.

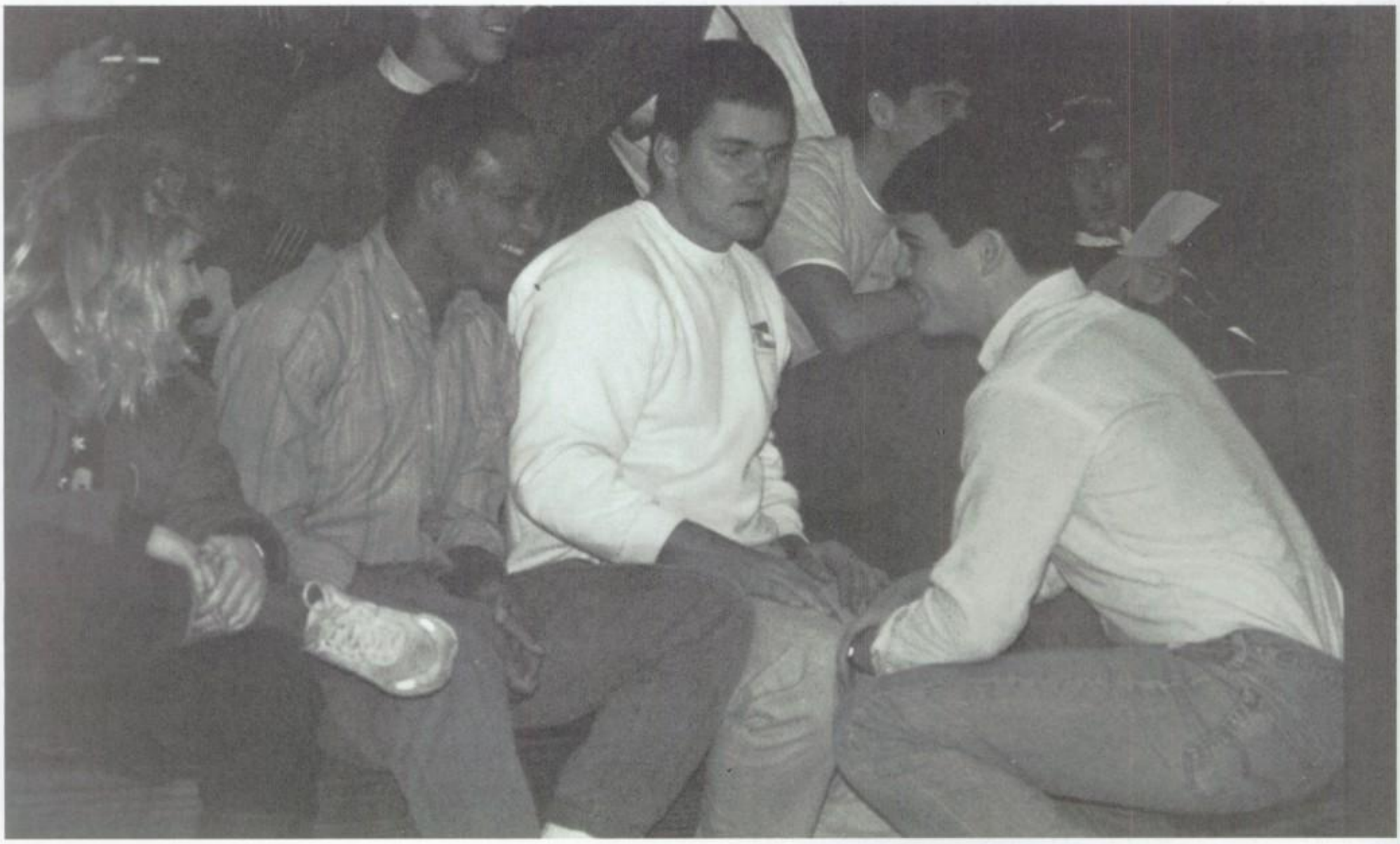
Weekends in general "were way too short, dude."

Of course, there were always school activities that you could attend. The drama department and the orchestra frequently put on outstanding performances. Then there were always the old standbys: football, basketball and wrestling.

Nothing to do? Well you could try Lake Accotink, the movies or maybe even Georgetown. During the winter months, skiing was also a popular pasttime with quality slopes only four to five hour's drive away.

Eric Hazzard, however, summed up the general problem with weekends by saying, "They were way too short, dude."

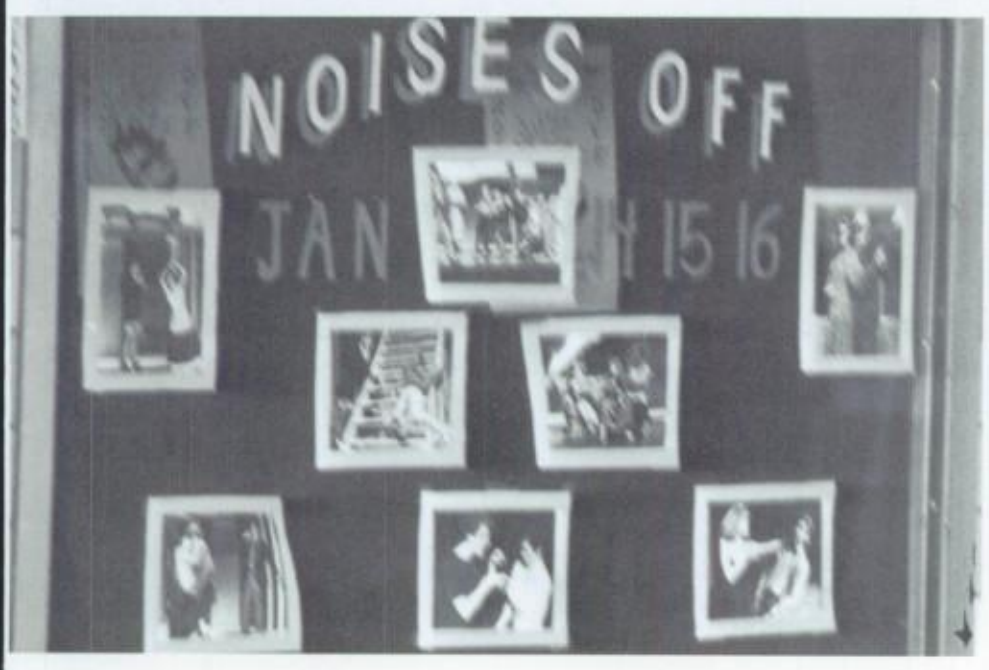
by Brian Gorges



Deanna Stolte, Byron Jenkins, Lane Clopper and Matt Duff consider what to do after the basketball game.

Throughout much of the first part of the year, football games were a very popular weekend activity. Some students like Jennifer Finley, Lisa Cooper and Sam Dickinson sat up close to get the best view.

While making plans for the weekend, Doug Horne and Kyle Koontz stand by the cage.



Dances like the role-reversing Sadie Hawkins put smiles on many faces.

Plays like the hilarious *Noises Off* came as a welcome change to the usual weekend fare.

Favorite Things

"The Woodson party scene is lame," informed senior Mark Thompson. "Parties are a place to have fun..you know, dance...so you have to hit D.C."

Although most students stayed in Fairfax for fun, many hit Georgetown clubs such as the Roxy, the 9:30 club and D.C. Space. These favorite spots had a variety of music from reggae to hard core punk. By taking the metrorail's orange line, others could enjoy dining at the Old Post Office Pavillion, playing frisbee on the mall, and visiting museums like the new Museums of African and Asian Art.

Without doubt the most popular food item among students has to have been pizza.

Fairfax, however, remained the top of Woodson's favorites list. Those who enjoyed shopping had no trouble keeping to the adage, "Shop till you drop." Fair Oaks opened a new wing over the '87 summer containing another Benneton, Britches, and a Limited Express all of which carried the most popular fashions. Throughout the year, students anticipated the opening of Tysons II located directly across from the original Tysons. This new Tysons mall offered double the stores including a Macy's and a Saks Fifth Avenue.

Fairfax was also the movie-goers delight. Multiplex ran twelve movies at a time for a mere (ha-ha) $5.00. If you were willing to fight the lines, dollar night was the ultimate bargain of the week.

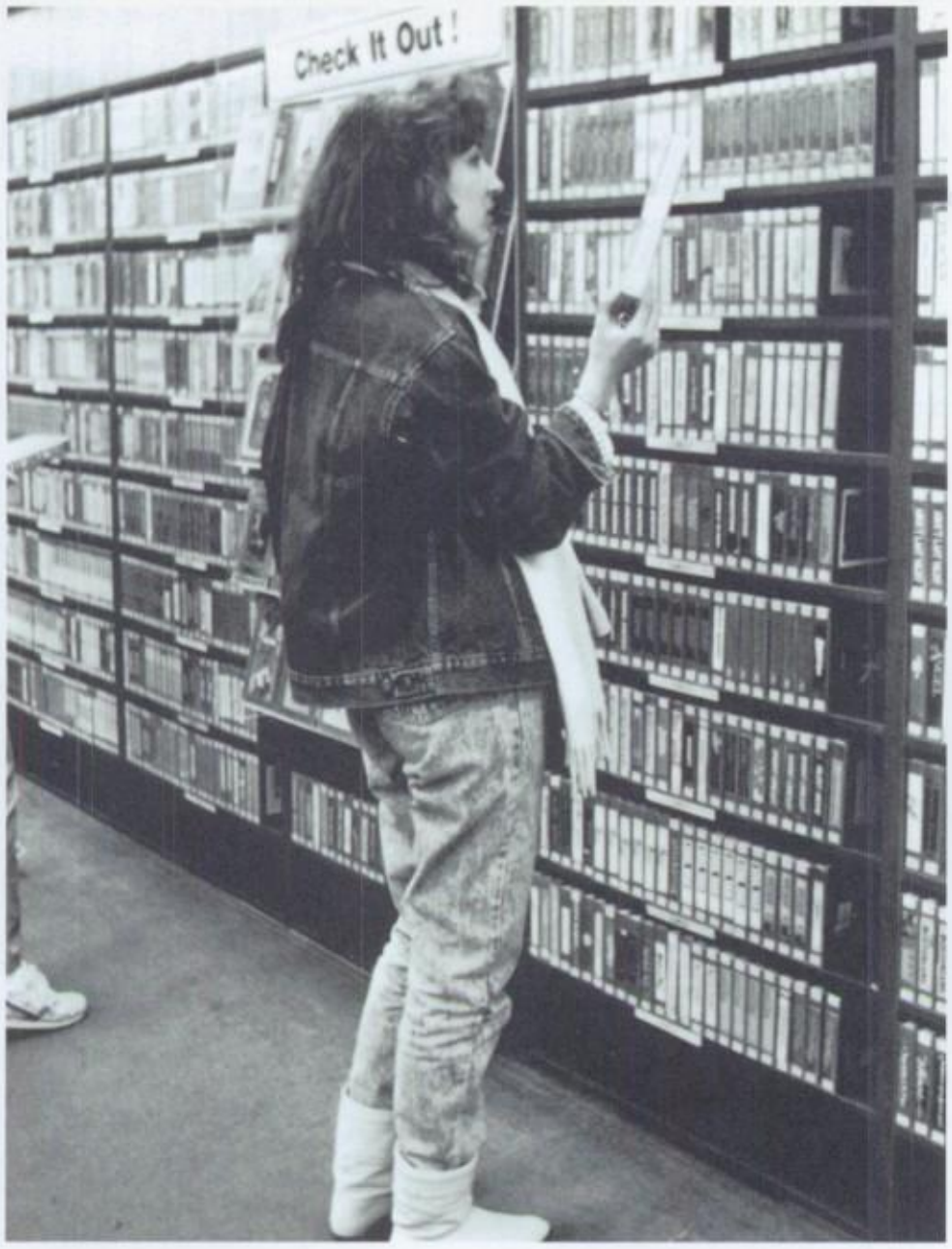
"Ever since I got my driver's license," commented Karen House, "I've been going to Erol's more frequently. Checking out movies gives me the opportunity to see movies that I otherwise would not have seen." Erol's Video Store provided the best movies for the low price of $2.00 a day and was definetly a place frequented by many a Woodson student.

Without doubt the most popular food item with most students has to have been pizza. The only question that remained was whether to Avoid the Noid with Dominoes, get two pizzas for the price of one at Little Cesaer's or get a Pizza Hut Pizza to go. Either way, ever present McDonald's came up with a plan to bring in more students; build a new store directly across from our school. Goodbye steak sub, soybean burgers and salad bar!

Everyone seems to have their own list of favorites. What's yours?

by Jennifer Bryson

Erol's was definetly a favorite among Woodson students. Pat and Jim Fink check out the cult classic Spinal Tap.



Lisa Feinberg selects a video from Erol's vast selection.

One of the most popular lunch selections was Big Bite's double burritos.

The home of dollar movie night:Fair City Theaters.

A popular watering hole and weigh station for Woodsonites was 7-Eleven.

In memory of Jennifer Hauenstein

The Sun Shines On

At dawn the darkness froze my heart
with no desire to face the day,
I lay there still in anger and fear
knowing youth had been stolen away.

Later I stood to face the stars
and I made a choice over strife,
that no worldly harm could ever erase
such innocence, joy, and life.

Now I savor every breath
and every smile from every friend,
my eyes absorb the endless beauty
around life's every bend.

Though the Heavens can only dictate
when our hazy future will part,
friendships will always continue to grow,
forever in our hearts.

Though a troublesome cloud has taken our light
and a day is so sadly gone,
I gaze to the east in wonder and love;
for I know that the sun will shine on.

by Carlos Linares

Volunteers helped the school run smoothly.

Sorting It Out!

Those almost invisible but indispensible magic elves who photo-copied class hand-outs, graded papers, tutored students, spoke to classes, typed, baked, chapperoned, supported the band, helped the Latin Club, timed runners at track meets, sold concessions at football and basketball games, filed books in the library, and did a million other things, volunteered their time to our school.

The only payment volunteers received was the satisfaction of helping students, teachers, and administrators of our school. They donated their time for various reasons. Parents of current and former students felt it was a way to pay back the school for giving their children a good education. Retired teachers wanted to help their former colleagues.

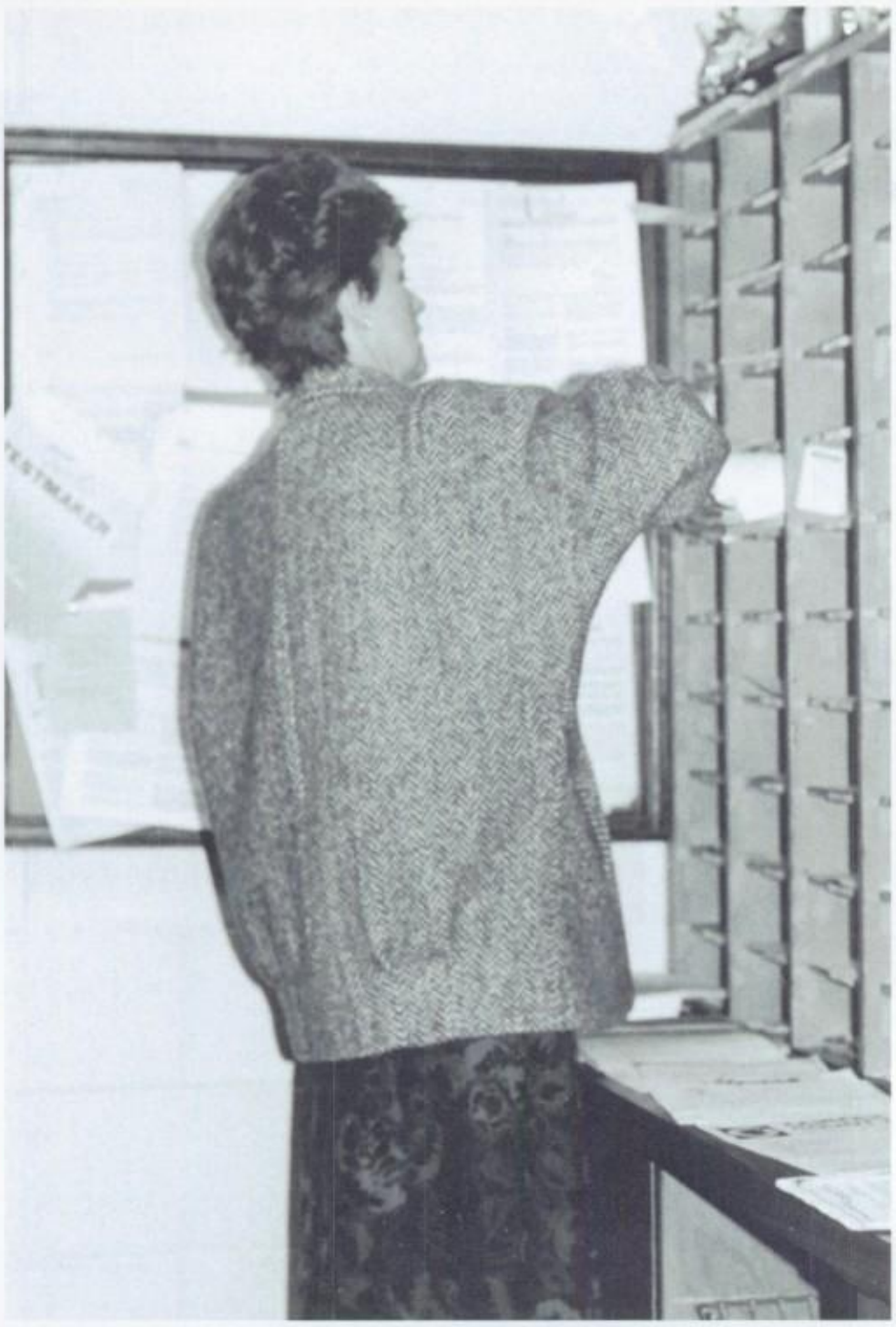
> *"Volunteers provided one of the most fundamental services."*

Some community members simply enjoyed working at our school.

The volunteer force was comprised of aproximately 380 people who worked in every academic department. Sometimes, such as in January when the Business Department put together study booklets for business classes, volunteers came in on a one-time basis.

Mrs. Conn had the formidable job of organizing the volunteers. There was a daily schedule that rotated the volunteers and kept track of what day and time everyone was available. Mrs. Conn said, "Volunteers provided one of the most fundamental services. They relieved teachers of work...school would not be as effective or enjoyable without them."

By Terry Stryer



One task for volunteers in the main office was distributing teacher mail as this volunteer demonstrates.

Ms. Lois Deringer shows what a day in the life of a volunteer is like. At left, she helps a teacher by sorting through papers. Above left, she confers with Mrs. . Above right, Mrs. Deringer reads an amusing paper aloud.

Arts For Life

During the two weeks between March 14-25, most students missed classes, listened to music, watched shows, and spoke with unusual people. This was not, however, a disorderly ouatbreak of spring fever. This year's Arts For Life Festival, in fact, went more smoothly than it has since its inception in 1986. Tht festival gave students the opportunity to learn more about everything from stamp collecting to T'ai Chi. Teachers brought their classes to the auditorium for such events as the drama production How To Eat Like A Child, a discussion on the black experience in Vietnam by Bloods author Wallace Terry, mime Larry Goldstein, a stunning fashion show, and a dazzling stand in performance by Woodson's very own reggae band, Nyabinghi.

Mrs. Belle Harrell, the festival coordinator, said that the new method of signing up for classes, "eliminated confusion." While teachers signed up to take entire classes to the auditorium, students signed up at the Cage for the small group sessions. Joe Walden, Mike Nelson and other volunteers issued tickets that would excuse students from the classes they would miss.

This year's festival went more smoothly than it has since its inception.

Small group sessions covered almost every aspect of life. For example, Bennie Bough hosted a workshop on improving listening and speaking skills; K.E. Hepner, jr., discussed the art of forensic science and Dan Peters displayed Civil War artifacts. Candice Ransom, author and former Woodson student led workshops on fiction writing and Stephen H. Saperstone explained how to prevent a skyscraper from swaying. This diversity reinforced this year's Arts For Life theme, the Great American Patchwork (Quilt). Woodson clubs, organizations, clubs, and classes contributed squares to make Woodson's own quilt.

The highlights of this year's program included Wallace Terry's presentation, Andrew Cacho's African drummers and dancers, the Jazz Walruses, and Vietnamese folk musicians. According to Mrs. Harrell, they "showed the diversity of the student body."

During Mr. Goldstein's mime show, he requested audience participation. Brooke Payne was instantly transformed into a star for a short time when she performed a skit with him about a guy and a girl on their first date; a fishing trip. She said, "It was fun, but kind of embarassing...I never really noticed how many people could fit into the auditorium."

The two weeks of revelry had to end, though. Ms. Margie Miller and Ms. Barbara Smith wound up the week with demonstration of quilting to go with the theme. Each square was like the diverse student backgrounds at our school. We learned about the world, our school, and ourselves in our celebration of the arts.

by Terry Stryer

The Vietnamese folk musicians during one of their interesting songs.

An African dancer doing her thing.

Shannon Sullivan flashes Terri a smile as they model evening wear in the fashion show.

One of Andrew Cacho's African drummers intensely plays the rhythms that keep the dancers dancing.

Choral director Mr. Al Grant introduces the chorus night club scene as Leah Gutensohn eagerly awaits to sing.

Mrs. Romano puts the finishing touches on the Woodson quilt.

Pointing the Way

People always laugh when I tell them that my job is hard," said senior Rosemary Mottola. "They tell me to get a real job, but I would like to see them survive just one day at my job." Rosemary was just one of the students who has taken a difficult, as well as rewarding job upon herself: she works with kids. As students coach, teach, or take care of the children, they discover their job is not all fun and games. Learning to relate to and discipline children while remaining the "good guy" is a real feat.

Mostly, the children's personalities and need for an older friend or leader keep students involved in their work. Jim Fink, who helps out at the Fairfax County Orphanage frequently finds that the children appreciate and look up to him as a good friend.

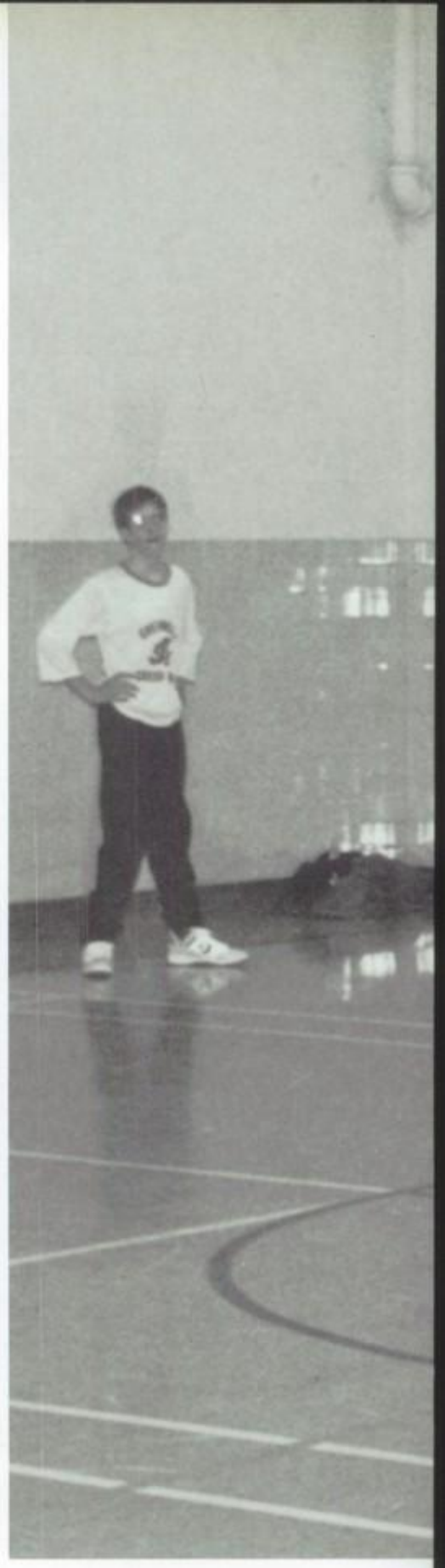
"It's really sad," commented Zully Prieto, a candy striper at Fairfax Hospital, "kids around five or six years old come in with real problems, but I guess it's a really good experience for me to learn to talk to and understand these children."

"You have to have a lot of patience to work with kids"

As well as teaching and caring for kids, students also coached teams. Seven students, Dan Narragon, Jerry Cannon, Brett Russell, Kris Bough, Bob Kohler, Jon Rozzell, and Craig Hollin, coached for the Turnpike Basketball League's 13 and 14 year old teams. Using their ability to get along with the kids, they were able to impart some of their wealth of athletic skill and knowledge on the younger teenagers.

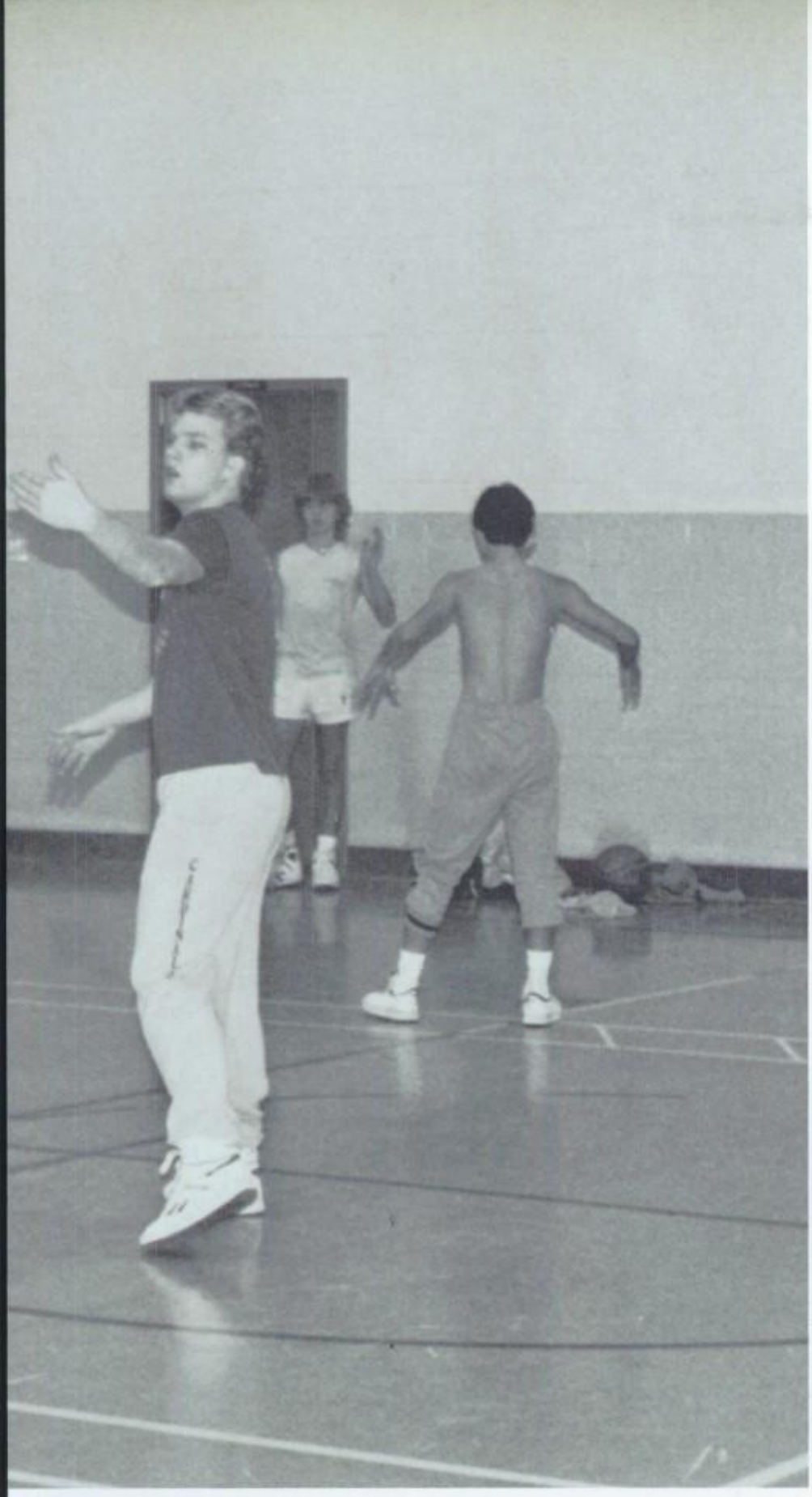
"If my players could shoot a gun like they shoot a basketball, we'd all be dead by now," laughed Brett Russell who co-coached a team with Kris Bough.

However, Rosemary Mottola summed up the experience shared by all best by saying, "You have to have a lot of patience to work with kids — and you also have to be insane!"



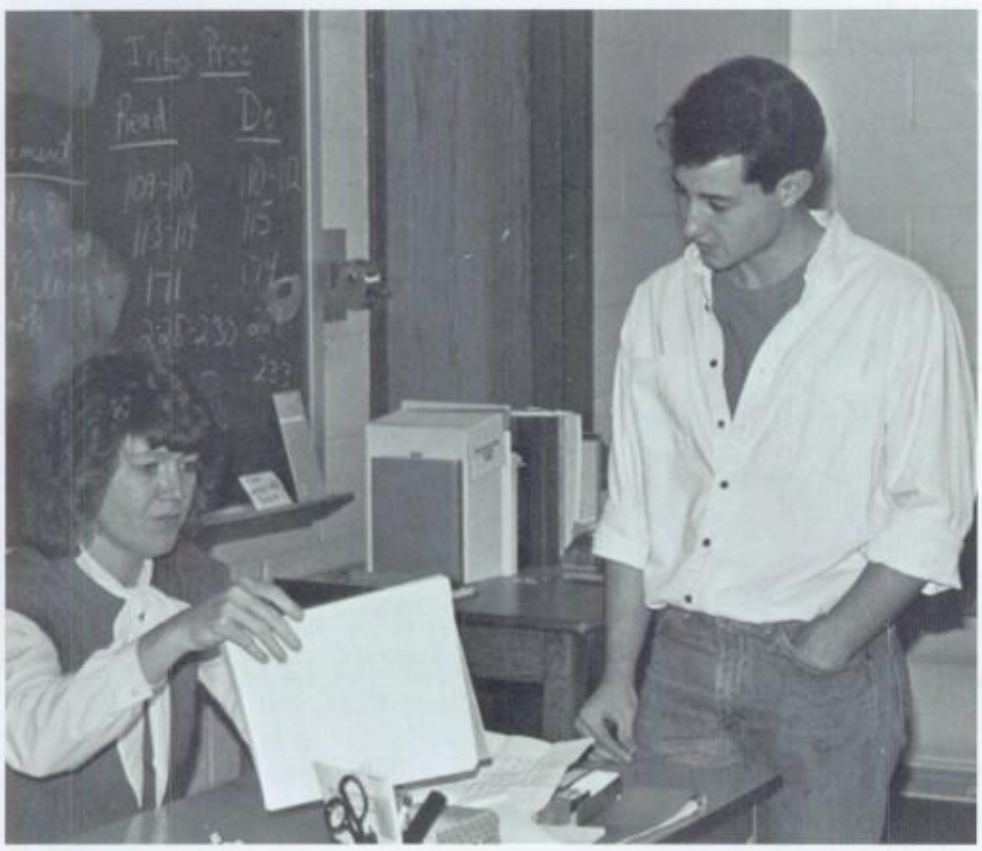
Zully Prieto shows off her red and white candy striping uniform.

Brett Russell leads a scrimmage with his 13-14 year old boys Turnpike basketball team.

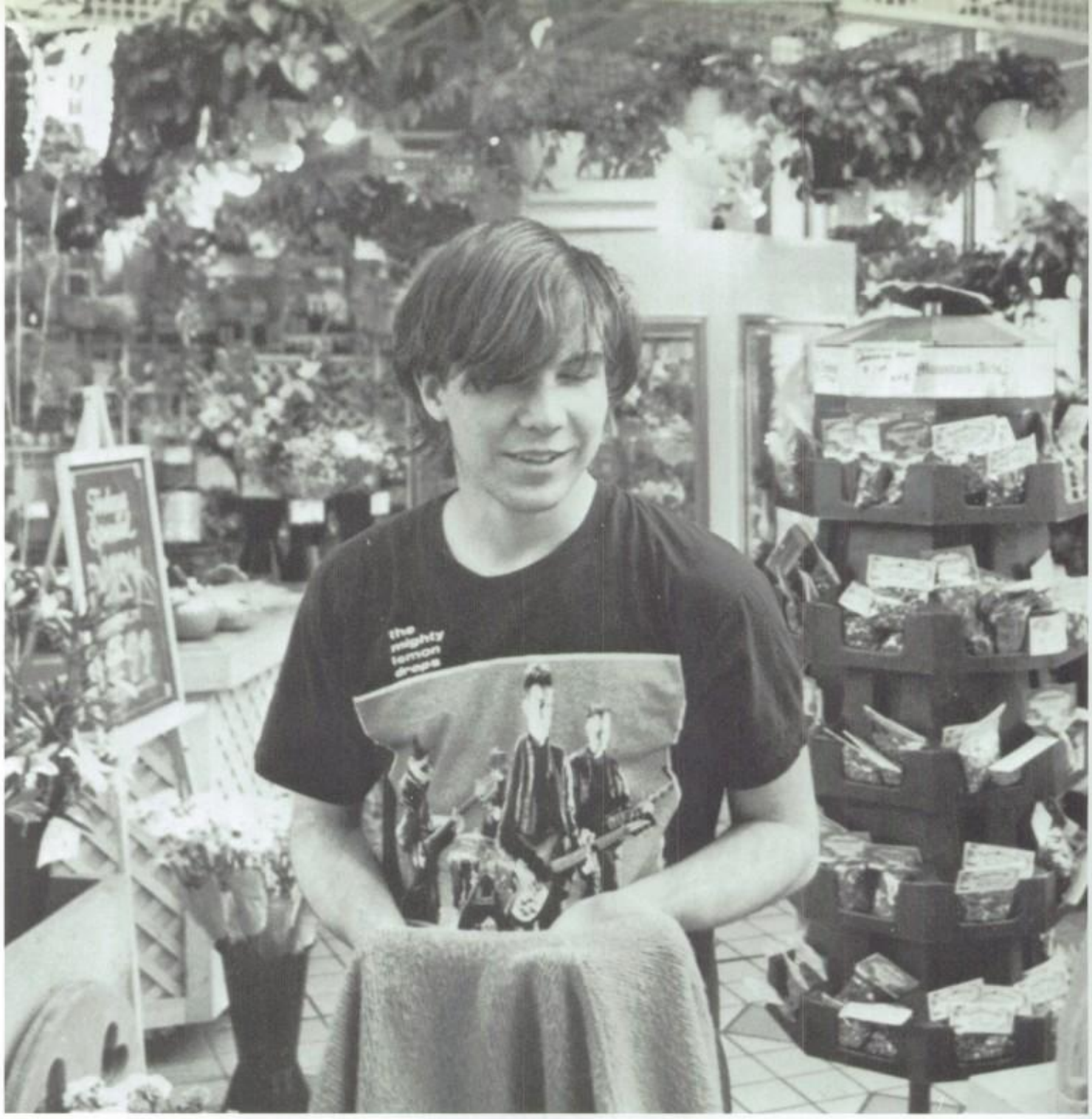


Dan Narragon corrals his players for a time-out during a scrimmage. Dan coached a Turnpike boys 13-14 team.

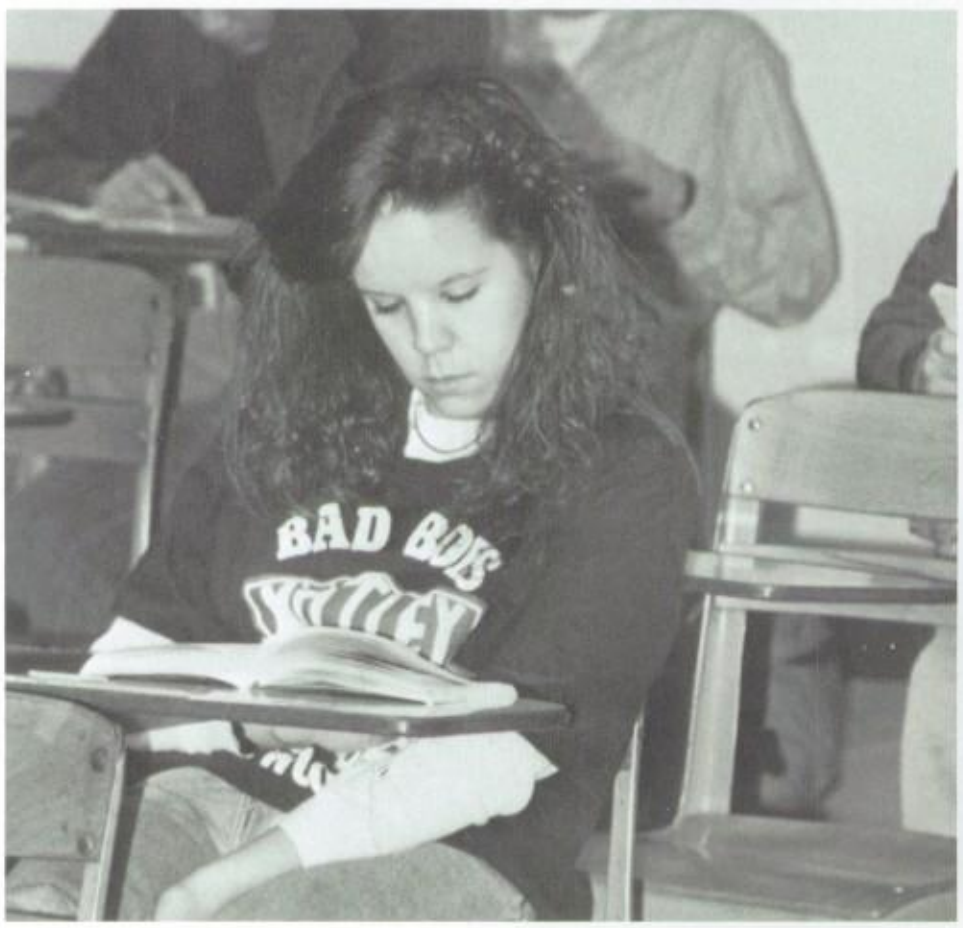
Not only did Woodson students help younger kids they also helped their peers. Here, Andy Frietas helps a girl with math.



Taking advice from Ms. Reed is Jim Fink. Jim also gave advice and friendship to orphans at Fairfax Hospital.



Matt Wilcox's admiration for the Mighty Lemon Drops will never wilt.



Kathryn Reswebber proudly wears her Motley Crue t-shirt.

Europe burst on to the American music scene with four top ten singles in 1987. This student is obviously a fan.

It's Show Time

As the school year came to a close, it was interesting to look back at the year's favorites for entertainment. Students enjoyed hanging out, going to Georgetown, going to parties and movies such as "Fatal Attraction," "Three Men and a Baby," and "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," especially on dollar night.

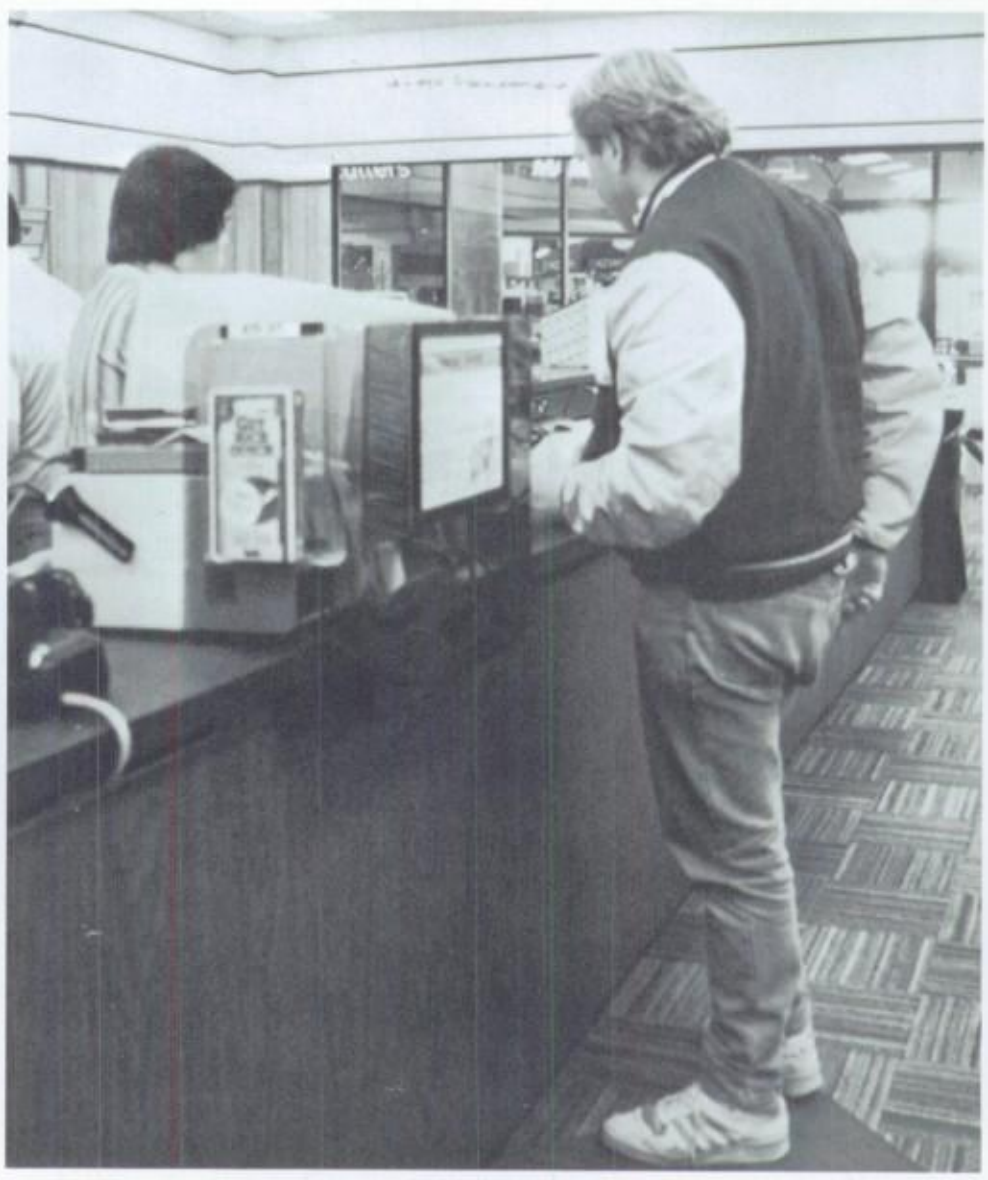
Music played an important part of almost everyone's life. Many proudly wore their t-shirts from concerts and shows they had been to such as REM Pink Floyd, Love and Rockets, and U2. The Cult, REM, Whitesnake, Poison, Echo and The Bunnymen, and Woodson's own CTS, who played at many Woodson parties, gave an otherwise dull scene some live entertainment. Of course, sometimes just hanging out at home proved to be fun. MTV could always be counted on to stimulate the brain. InXs, Debbie Gibson, and George Michael were all helped by very popular videos.

Entertainment came in several forms — cable TV, movies, live bands, and network TV.

And finally there was just regular old TV including the likes of David Letterman, Saturday Night Live, and the Cosby Show, all of which were popular among Woodson students. Entertainment through the cable system included HBO, Cinemax and other pay channels. Movies included "Trading Places," "Ruthless People," and "Outrageous Fortune." This year proved to be full of diverse interests in movies, television, and music.

by Julie Gustafson

Ratt was on top of Lisa Berk's list as evidenced by her locker.



Videos were definately a popular form of entertainment. Shawn Porter checks out a video.

Some of us had an . . .

Expressive Indination

Do you know the difference between a B-flat and an F-sharp? What is your favorite medium, pen and ink or water colors?

In today's world of 22 credit diplomas, BMW's and material wealth as the measure for success, fewer and fewer students chose to seriously pursue their interests and talents in art and music.

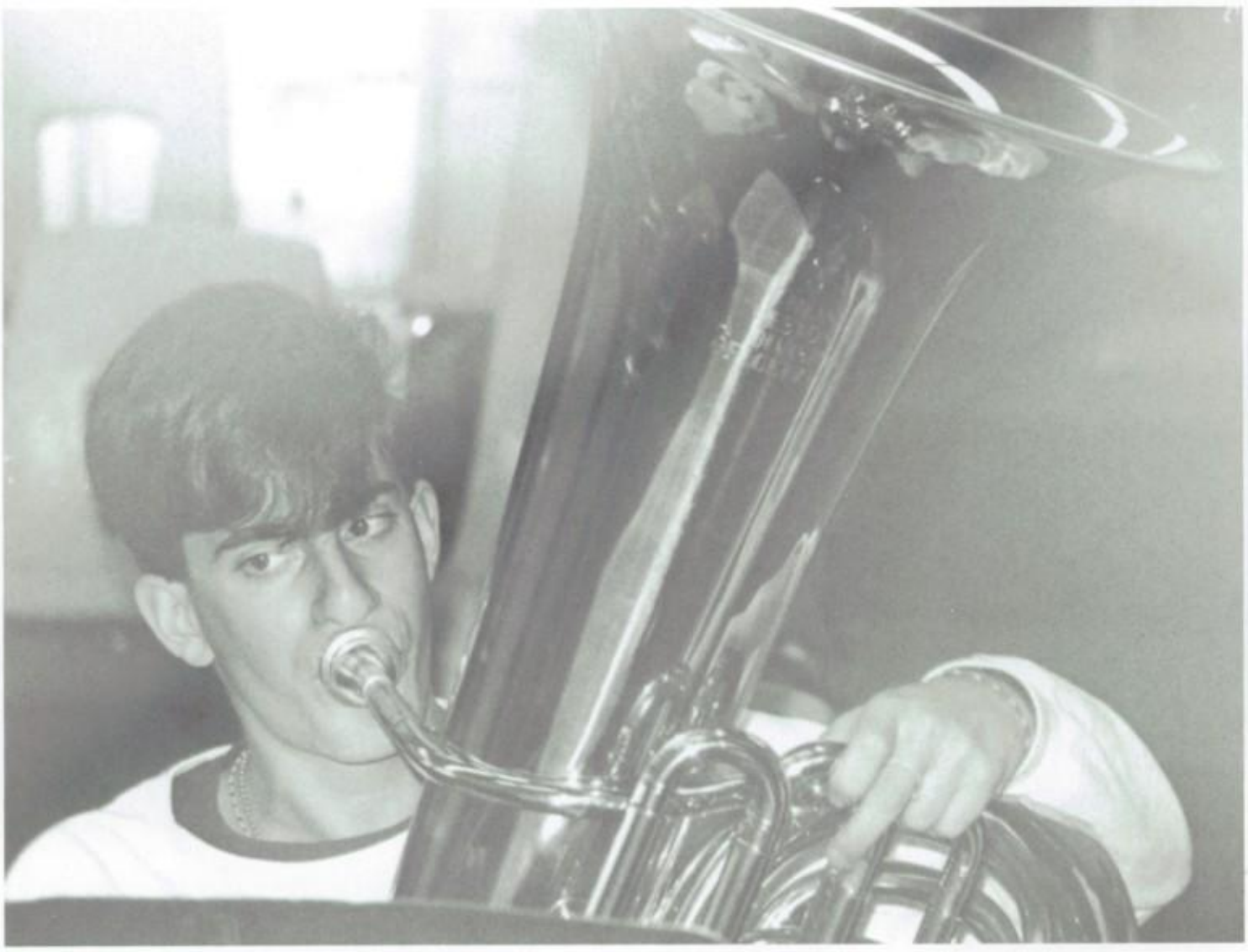
Some artists, like senior Bruce Irwin, submitted portfolios to art schools such as Pratt, Parsons School of Art, and the Rhode Island School of Design. Nancy Ford applied to the Kansas City Art Institute, the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, and the Maryland Institute College of Art. Artistically, Nancy knows that she wants "to do something unconventional but I don't want to live in a box."

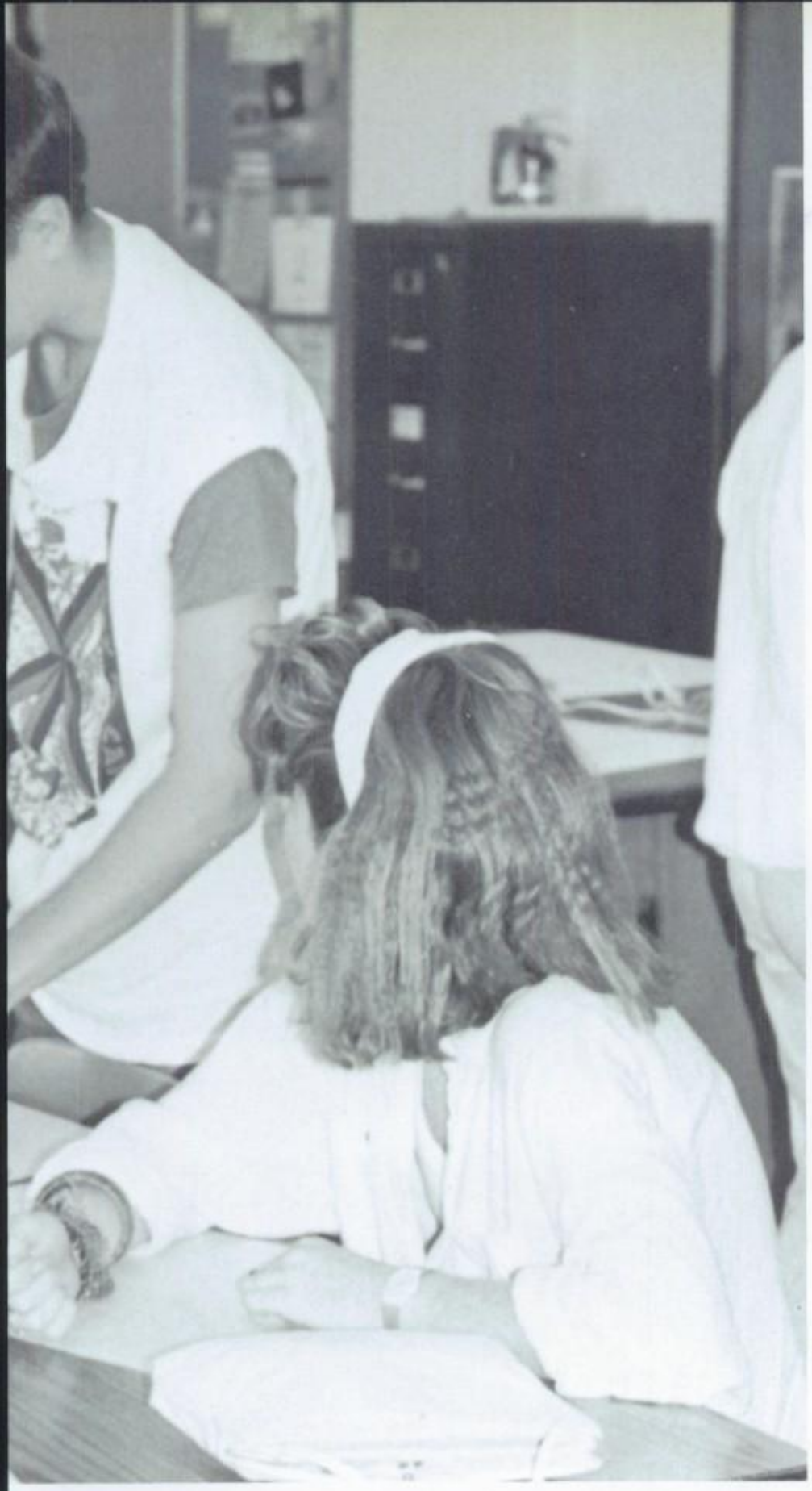
> *"I want to do something unconventional but I don't want to live in a box."*

There will probably be no boxes in Nancy's future or in Lee Yezek's. Lee is a talented pianist who has auditioned for several music schools. Making it in the music industry can be tough, but Lee's talent should carry him a long way.

Careers in art and music are tough roads to hoe. For talented students, however, who take the risks, the choice will undoubtedly prove rewarding.

By Jon Rozzell





Art I and II classes gives students a chance to develop their talent and potential in the field of visual arts.

Nicole Bashaw shows a friend the best way to do a collage.

Artistic talent comes through both natural ability and development. Bruce Irwin and Beth Johnson show that they have plenty of both.

Wheelin' and Dealin'

Muscle cars and four-by-fours! That is what some people wanted this year. Since the majority of students could not afford one of these road thrashers, they were forced to drive the family wagon. Dan Svec thought that might not be so bad since, "My wagon would blow any wagon off the road." The fuel effecient Japanese car was also very popular.

Having a car meant never having to ride the bus again.

While fixing up old cars and making them into hot-rods could be expensive, the result was worth it. Maybe speed wasn't what you cared for; maybe you wanted traction. The ability to haul past everyone else who was stuck in the snow could be a distinct advantage.

Also you had to take into account some of the problems that econo-wagons, hot rods and four-by-fours had. Some problems could really put a major dent in your wallet. Pistons freezing in winter, transmission problems and even getting stuck in the mud proved costly and expensive to the unfortunate Woodson students that encountered these problems. Undoubtedly, though, for both juniors driving for the first time and "experienced" senior drivers having a car meant never having to ride the bus again.

by Brian Gorges

Be wary of this smile. If Mr. Lester caught you in your car during lunch then that smile would disappear.

Leaving your lights on in the morning was asking for trouble. This girl, fortunately, found someone willing to help.

Not everyone has their own car, so Jeff Schnore, Kirk Kirchenbauer, John Kerns, Allison OShinsky, and Brian Schiesl try to all fit into one Volvo.

Lisa Feinberg points the wagon home after a long day at school.

A dream car! Louis Clark, Jennifer Hontz, Cindy Houghton, and Krista Grigg admire a Lotus on display at the Homecoming parade.

What the Future Holds

The future seems so far away to us, especially since we are only in high school. Where will we be in say the year 2001? Many people don't like to think about the future, but what do they know? With all of the progress we've made, perhaps we could even be living on distant planets or under the sea in bubble houses. A robot will prepare freeze-dried or powdered food while you relax in your plastic easy chair and watch President Connie Chung give her State of the Union address. Or maybe, you will be driving in your hydro-electric car and listening to the New, New Monkees on your voice-activated CD player.

Although many do not know what kind of career they wish to pursue, new types keep popping up.

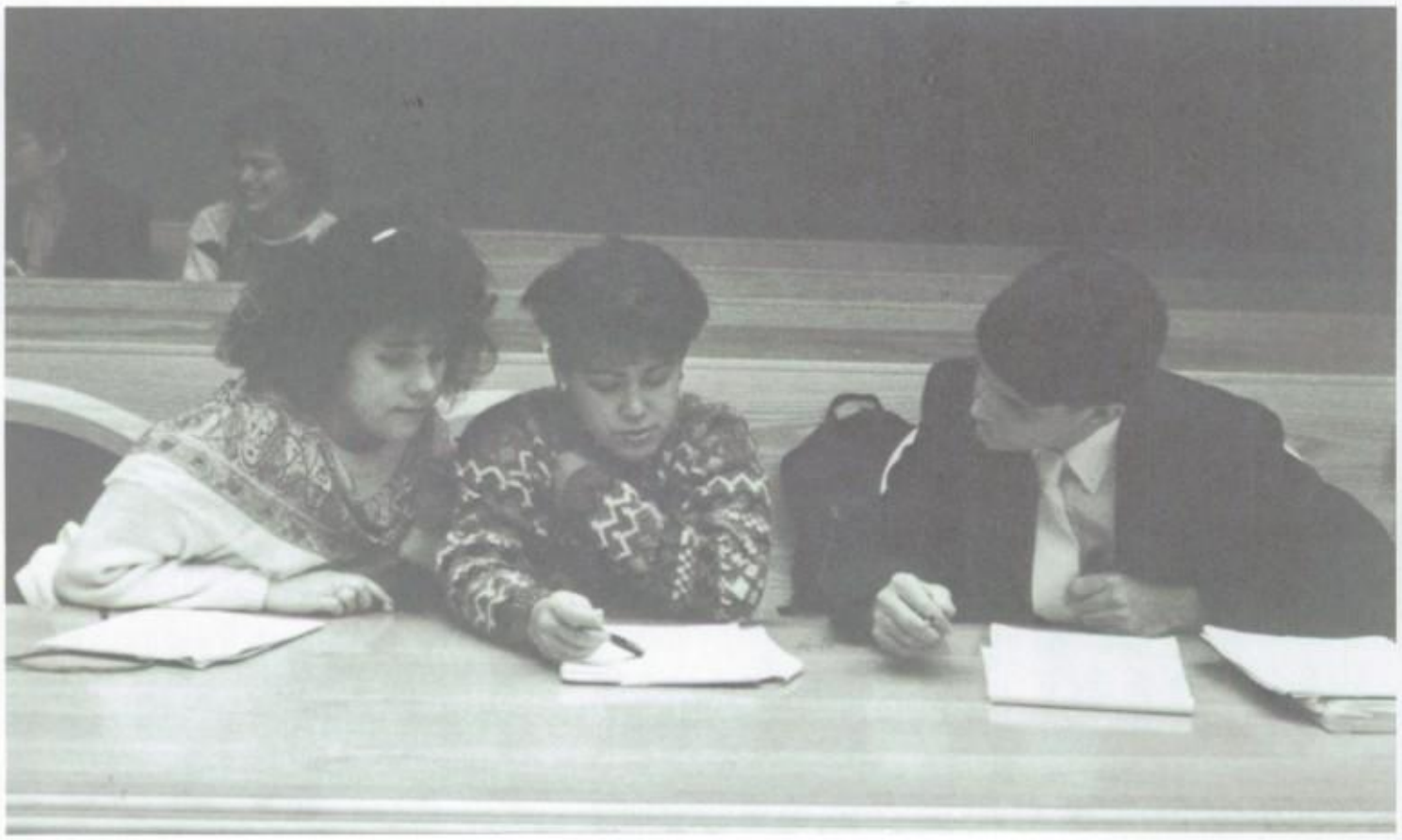
Where will you be in the year 2001?

Joan Kim, a sophomore replied, "I'd like to become a fashion designer." Thirteen years from now fashion could take a turn for the weird.

"Someday I hope to become a doctor," said sophomore Thao Tran. By 2001 medicine will have made much progress. Perhaps the cure for the common cold will finally be found. That means that your old excuse for staying home from school because you have a cold will be obsolete. Well, even medical progress has its drawbacks.

Talking about the future can be either scary or exciting. Whichever way you think about it, the future is only what you make of it.

by Mindy Gampel



Future Lawyers of America? Not exactly, but these seniors, Lara Wheeler, Heather Katcharian and Dan Shanahan learn about the legal profession during their model judiciary session.

Is this what will be trendy in the future? Vanessa Eldridge models a bizzare hat.

Many Woodson students dream of making enough money to be able to afford one of these fine European roadsters.

The Career Center is always willing to help people like Jennifer Clark, Julie Tollus, Mark Woody and Michelle Patterson choose a college or possibly a career.

The surprise snow meant many cars were left behind and abandoned.

Stephanie Easley and Corbin Schaefer wait for the bus in the blizzard like snow.

Getting to the buses was not easy. The snow was not all fun and games.

The administration warned against snowball fights, but Brian Kerns still tried to throw Shelly Gubanich into the snow.

A November winter wonderland

A Real First

No one thought it would actually come but when it did, it hit hard. "A snowstorm in November?!" we all scoffed. "Impossible!" Impossible maybe but it happened anyway.

Yes, the second coming of the Blizzard of '87 happened on November 25, just two days before Thanksgiving.

As students peered out of their classrooms on that day, they could not believe what they saw. The snow began around nine o'clock in the morning and was sticking from the very beginning. The snow was fast and furious and exciting to watch. Everyone was expecting to get out early as the minutes ticked away and the snow piled up.

> *"It was all such a total shock."*

Perplexingly, however, the announcement that we were to leave early never came, and when two o'clock rolled around a good four inches had swamped the parking lot. Cold, snowcovered cars slipped and slid around the lot struggling to get out. "Conditions were terrible...the snow was being blown so hard I could barely see, " said senior Kris Bough. "It was all such a total shock."

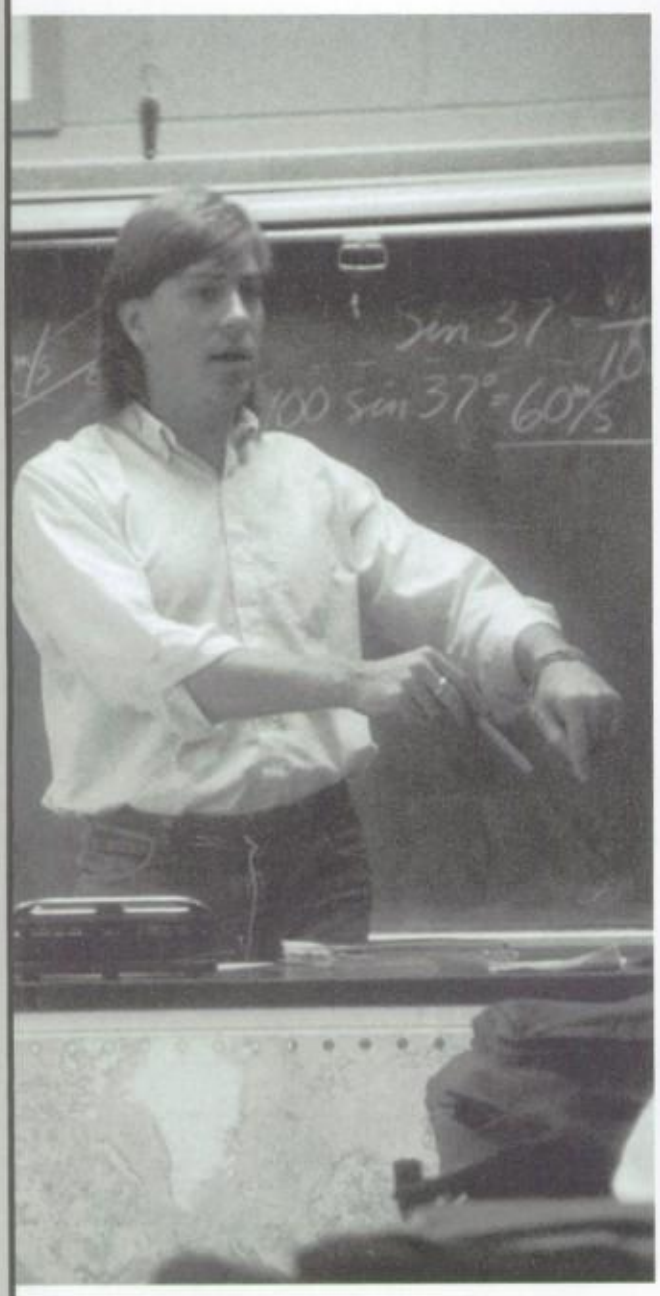
This really was the first blizzard of the school year dumping more than seven inches. No one will likely forget the first snow day of the 1987-1988 school year.

by Jon Rozzell

In the Guidance Department, Heather Dolby finishes off the previous night's homework while waiting to speak to her guidance counselor.

Mrs. Sudduth teaches KeithHartigan and Todd Benoff how to use the micro-film reader.

An important concept in physics, gravity pulls with a downward force, Mr. Cowden shows his physics class.



Academics

Learning how to use new technology

This year we proved that the basic curriculum of reading, writing and arithmetic was history. Though the drop in enrollment meant some courses, particularly in the Technical Center, were necessarily dropped, we were offered a wide variety of classes in other areas, including a peer counseling class offered by the Guidance Department. In the quest for success, many of us looked towards Advanced Placement classes as a means of increasing our grade point averages and enhancing our knowledge.

"Our film production class...sat down and decided what we wanted to learn — camera angle, different types of shots. ... We shot scenes inside and outside to create something interesting. At the end of the first quarter, we had to turn in a film project two to three minutes long. By the end of the year the class made a half hour long video tape incorporating everything we had learned," said junior Pat Best, explaining the new film production class.

Although the faculty decreased in number, academic quality prevailed. Woodson continued to rate as one of the finest schools in the nation.

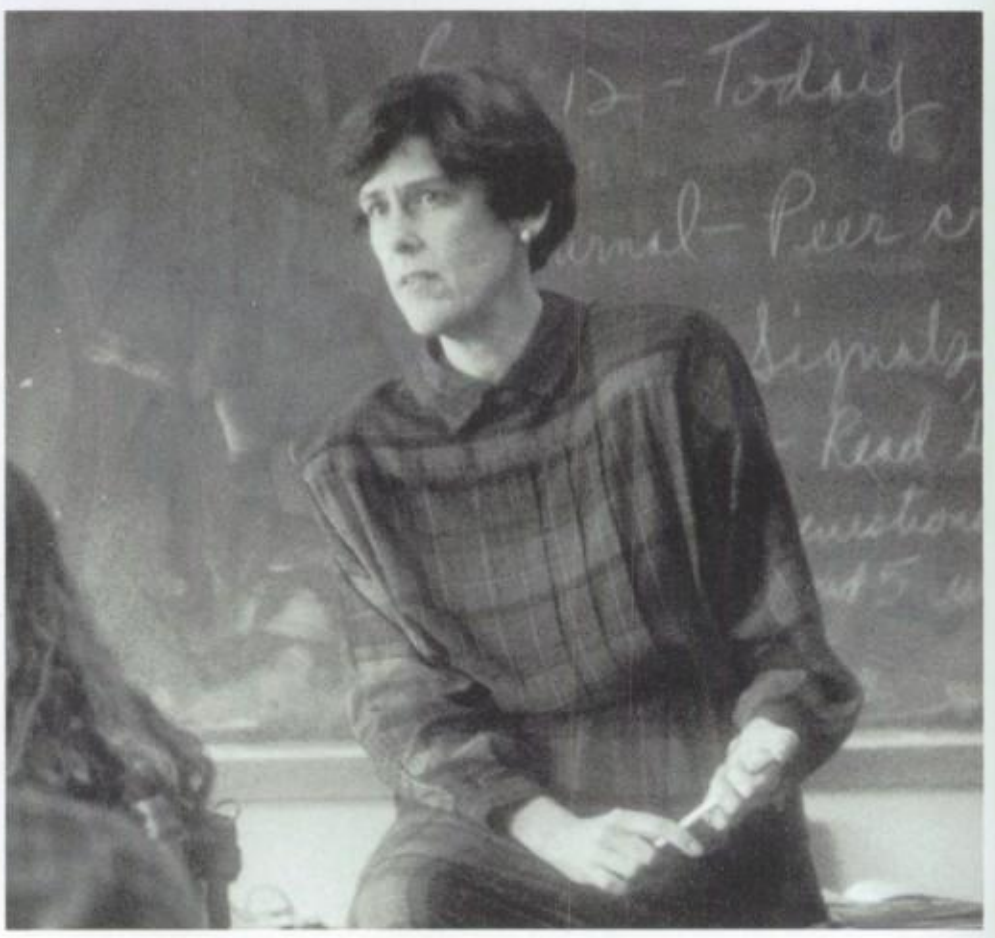
by Jennifer Bryson

Dramatic improvisations by Laura Wheeler and Joel Allen on Dante's *Inferno* make Engish class amusing.

Medieval literature requires the intense concentration of Matt Manning and Tom Phillips.

Tasha Neyhart proudly shows her masterpiece to Susan Pope and Tammy Plougher in her creative writing class. (below left)

Mrs. Paup listens earnestly to a view presented by a student. (below right)



Grammatically Speaking

Mr. Yias addresses the parents on Back to School Night about the curriculum.

Verbs, nouns, Chaucer, Bronte, vocabulary and *The Odyssey* all evoke memories of days spent in English, the one class that every student had to take all four years and the class that usually produced the most homework.

The English Department consisted of nineteen teachers who taught courses from the regular English curriculum to Journalism and Creative Writing. Ms. Patricia Bowers, English Department chairperson, also taught Advanced Placement English and eleventh grade English. Ms. Bowers' duties as chairperson of the English Department consisted of ordering books, chairing department meetings and overseeing the writing of the curriculum. "I guess you could call me the department cheerleader," said Ms. Bowers.

Elective courses offered within the department were Journalism, Humanities, English-World Civilization, Creative Writing and A.P. English. Ray Boyd commented, "I decided to take A.P. English because I felt that being in a college level course would better prepare me for the kinds of work I will be assigned in college."

"I decided to take Humanities because I thought it would be a lot more interesting than regular English. I think I've broadened my horizons on art and other cultures," said junior Cindy Houghton.

The English Department emphasized communications and writing skills which many professionals today lack. Teachers helped students write better through practice writing papers and by assigning them quality books, essays, short stories and poems to read and interpret. Mrs. Diane McCauley explained about her teaching, "I enjoy the excitement of seeing kids who learn and mature." Mr. Miltades Yiasamides, another teacher in the English Department said, "I like this area and especially Woodson because it has very college-oriented students."

by Laura Barchi

Mrs. Leibowitz, Mrs. Amico, Miss Bowers and Mrs. Paup practice their grammar skills together.

Spreading the Word

Many students asked themselves, "Why in the world am I taking this foreign language?" Spanish teacher and Foreign Language Department Chairperson Mr. Matt Murray answered this question, "Learning a foreign language makes you think, but most importantly, it is crucial that we are able to communicate with other peoples and to understand their cultures." He added that the emphasis this year was to develop each student's potential in the areas of listening, reading, speaking, and writing skills with respect to his level. In the higher levels, teachers emphasized oral proficiency.

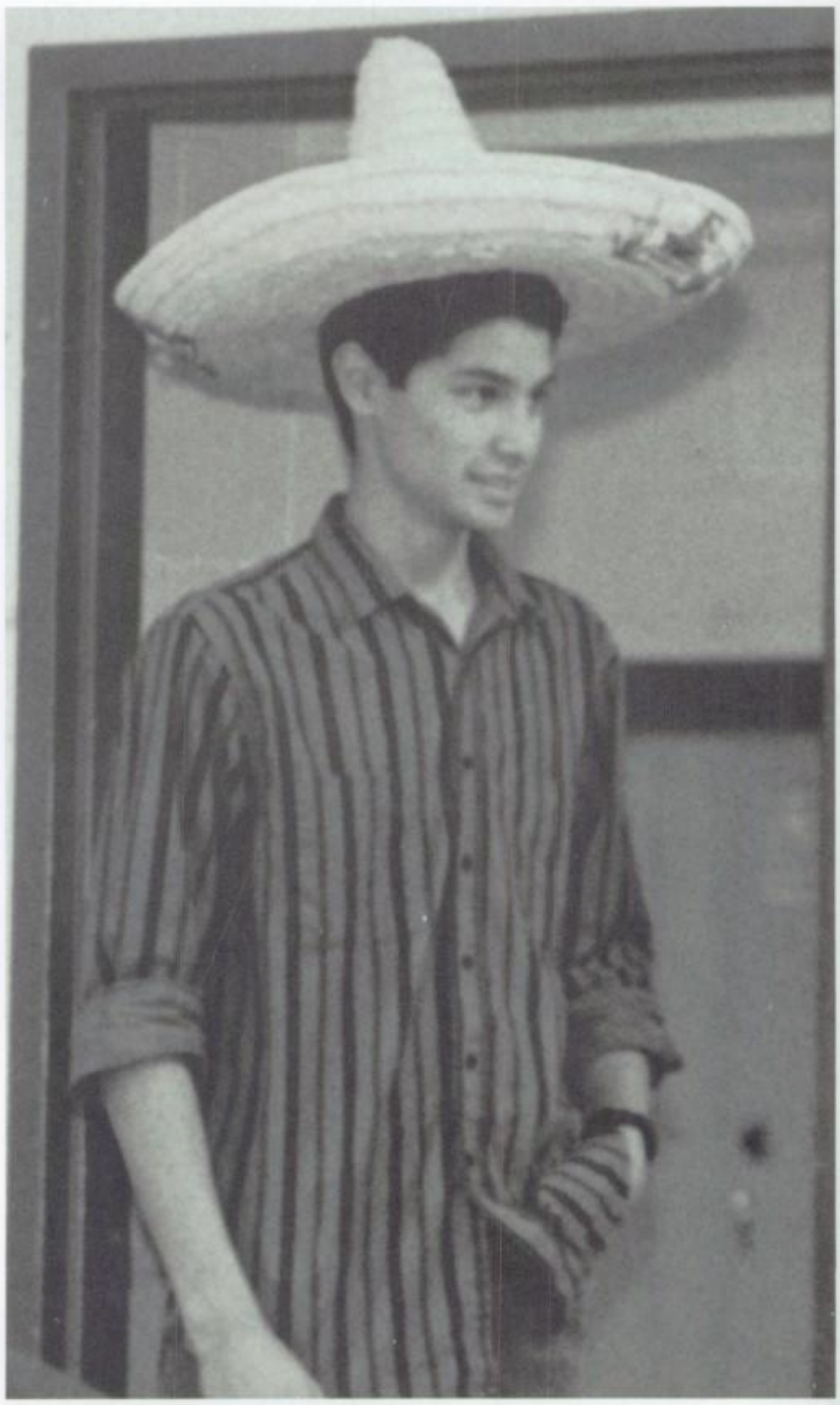
With over 1,000 students enrolled in the foreign language program and thirteen teachers, the department offered levels one though five in French, German, Latin and Spanish. Students received A.P. credit for levels four and five, and accelerated students took G.T. classes in levels two and three.

French teacher, Madame Georgette Nelson, stated "Woodson is the best school I have ever been in. Everybody tries to help one another and is friendly." Madame Nelson has been here for seven years. "The students are lovely," she said.

Taking a foreign language did not have to be all conjugations and vocabulary — it could be fun, too. The foreign language soccer tournament took place in October and the Latin team won. An international dinner where students made dishes from the countries where their people speak their languages provided an opportunity for students to sample the cuisine of other cultures. A winter volleyball tournament allowed the friendly rivalry of the four languages offered here to continue. Some students, however, took a language not for the work or the fun, but because of personal reasons. Explained Rita Nee, "Latin helped me with the SAT's, and it's a lot of fun." Julie Gustafson observed, "Spanish will help me when I travel."

Many students learned that taking a foreign language could be rewarding. As Madame Nelson explained, "When you are bilingual, you enlarge your horizons, and learn to be tolerant of other lifestyles."

by Cheryl An



Acting out a scene in Spanish class, Matt Elder becomes more fluent in Spanish.

Senor Murray points out the Spanish speaking countries of South America.

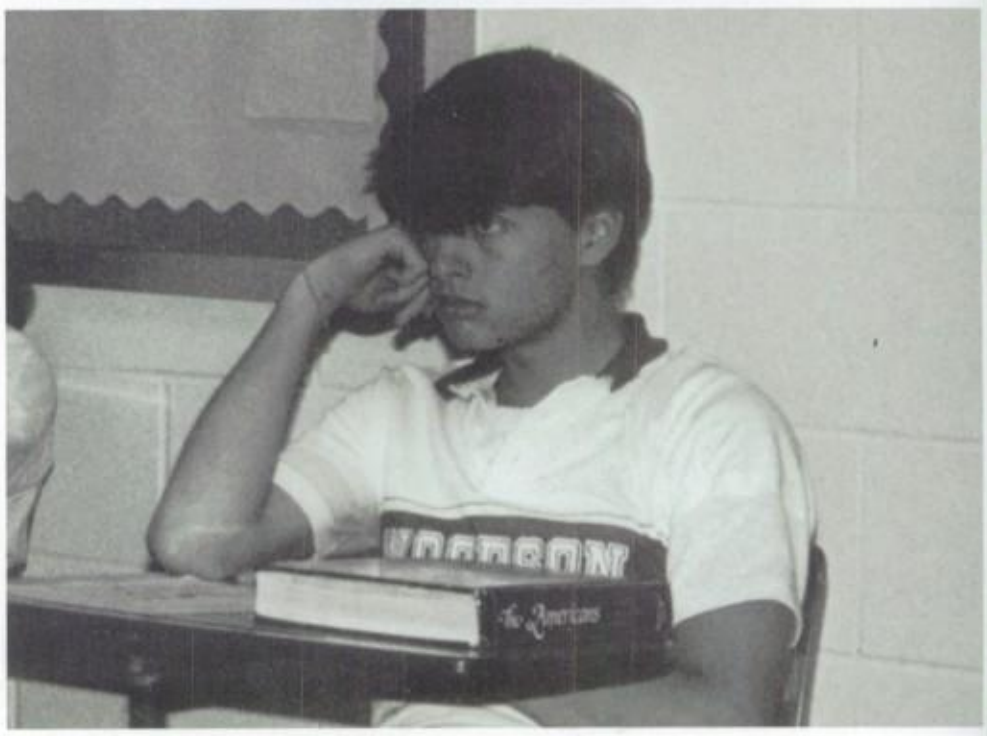
As Pam Maeng watches, Madame Nelson describes an adventure movie through signs.

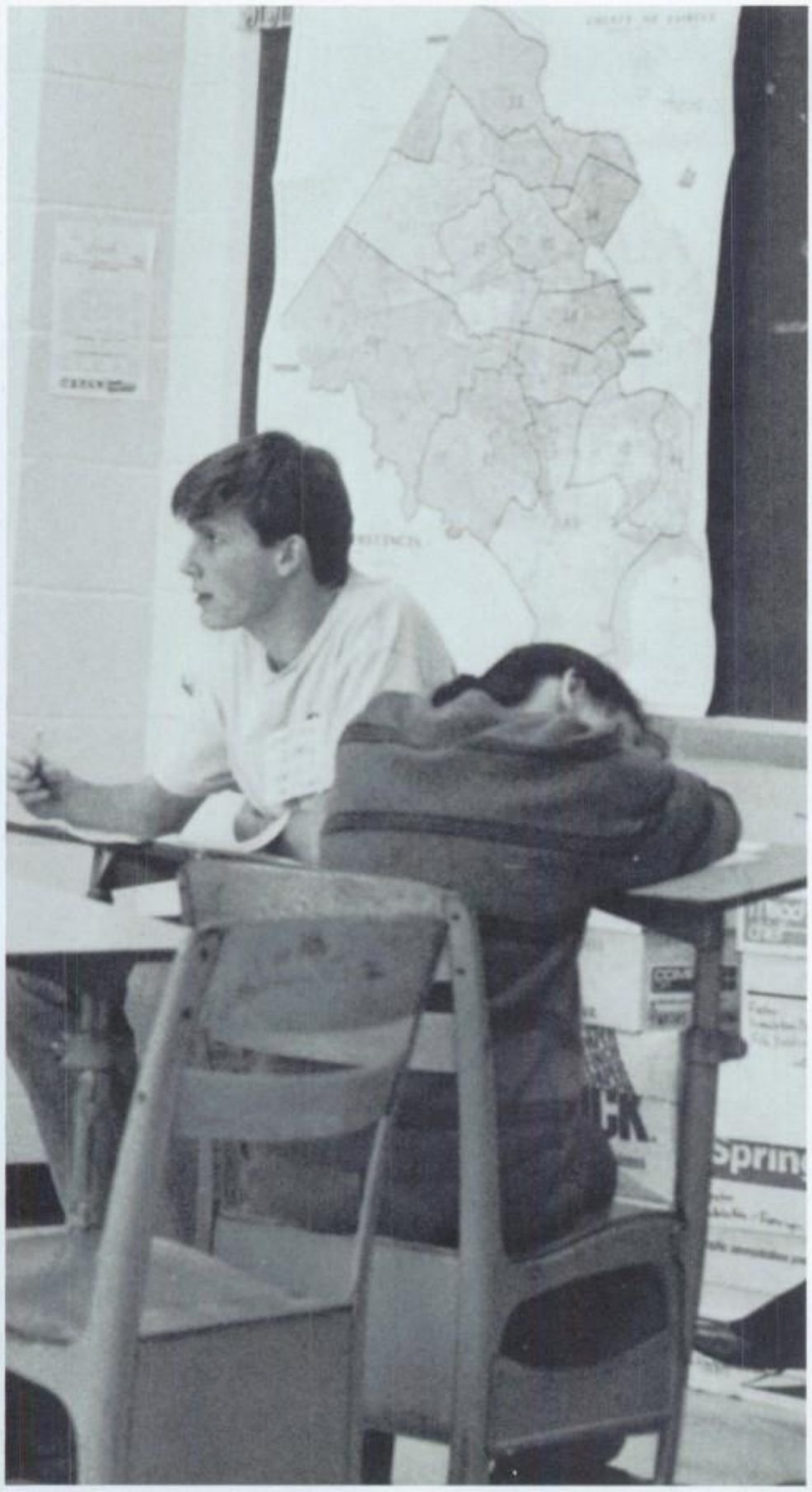
Teaching Latin is not all fun and games — Mrs. O'Donnell transfers grades into her gradebook.

Mrs. Kladakis uses the overhead projector to aid in her teaching.

Carlos Linares, Randy Williams and Valerie Leeper demonstrate bureaucratic inefficiency in government.

Paying full attention to his teacher, William Campbell hopes to get a good grade in American History.





Socializing

What is history? It is all very relative, but for the Social Studies Department it meant World History or World Geography, U.S./ Va. History, and U.S. Government. Before graduation, each student took a combination or, depending upon which diploma he sought, all of the above. The Social Studies Department did not limit itself to only these courses, however.

Advanced placement classes in American History, U.S. Government and European History provided students with a chance to receive college credit, and learn what college level courses could be like. Some freshmen took World Civilization, a G.T. course that combined English and social studies. Two popular half-year courses were Psychology and Sociology.

The Social Studies department dropped G.T. Government, because Woodson's highly motivated students "want to take advantage of the additional half of a point" which was averaged into the student's GPA, said Mrs. Paula Spencer, the chairperson of the Social Studies Department. She added that one of her goals this year was, "to rid students of the myth that history is only dates and facts that are to be memorized."

Teachers emphasized the celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the United States Constitution. Even World Geography classes participated in the celebration, just as every class participated in Geography Appreciation Week.

by Emily Allen

While Emily Yang sleeps, Joel Allen learns that some constitutional delegates carried more weight than others. (above)

Jennifer Pollock, Mark Schneider, Marrit Zoll, Brandis Leonard and Jason Sweda wonder "What could be more exciting than history?"

Overreacting

Math opens up a constantly growing and changing world of careers. From engineering to economics, mathematics plays an important role in figuring everything from the smallest calculation to the dividends for thousands of shares of stock. Math even comes in handy when calculating 20% off of a new pair of jeans.

The major goals of the Math Department included working on the retention of algebraic skills and improving work habits and organizational skills. The Math Department piloted two new geometry text books. A new teaching techniques course helped math teachers help students even more than before.

The Math Department reported an enrollment of 1,900 students — nearly the entire student body. Courses ranged from General Math to Calculus B.C. and included electives such as Computer Science. Although the 22-credit diploma required three years of math and the 20-credit diploma required two years, many students took more than that and most liked their math courses. Senior David Wisgerhof, a Functions student, said "I like math, but I'm not always good at it." David also explained that math helps in science courses.

Mrs. Patricia Hepner, the department chairperson, completed her twentieth year of teaching at Woodson. Another long-timer, Mrs. Mary Ann Wates said "Woodson is the best place in the world to teach."

Mrs. Janet Emsley, a biology teacher who agrees with Mrs. Wates, has been the Science Department chairperson for one year. She and the thirteen other science teachers began to phase the use of computers into their classes.

Besides offering Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, the department continued to offer students the option of Gifted and Talented (G.T.) and Advanced Placement (A.P.) classes, and Conceptual Chemistry and Harvard Project Physics for those less inclined toward science. Because of a shift in the department staff, many teachers taught certain classes for the first time. For example, Mr. Clyde Clark and Mr. Gary Fillmore taught A.P. Biology classes in place of Mr. Gregory Shifflett.

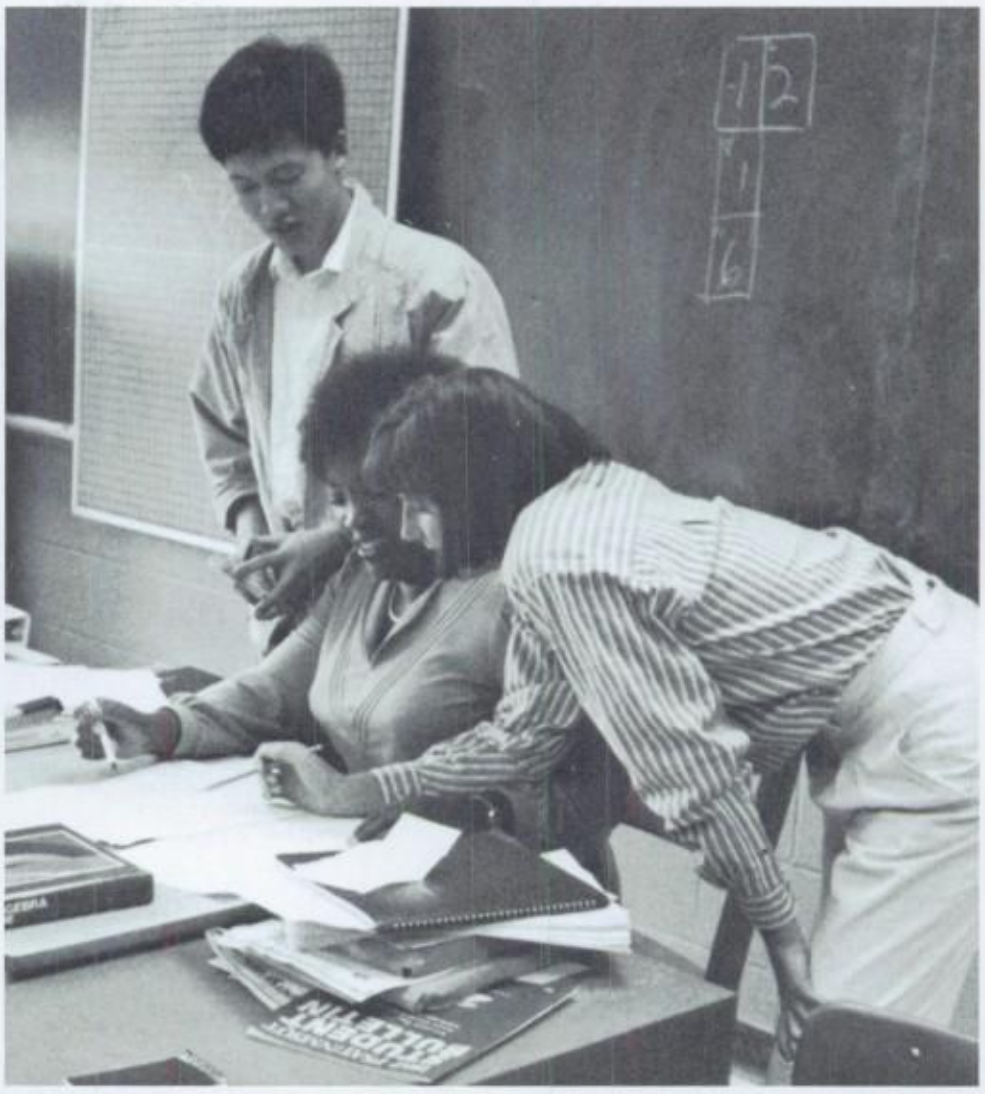
Not only did science give students a background on the physical world, it also gave them a start on the future world of computers. The goal of the Math Department, to improve work habits and orgaization skills, and the Science Department's goal to implement computers coincided so that by the end of the year students had learned how to use computers to organize themselves better.

by Mindy Gampel
and Brian Gorges

Ms. Matthews enjoys helping students like Erik Olson after school.

Teaching her class about rational numbers, Ms. Hepner, Math Department chairperson, gives general notes before explaining more complex matters.

In chemistry class, Billy Karabelas heats copper to make copper oxide.



Sometimes math can be complicated, but Mrs. Green helps Jennifer Libby and Young Kim on their assignment.

In chemistry class, Kim Starr writes down observations while her lab partner Won Jae Hong measures the volume of hydrochloric acid.

A Physics student has the whole world in his hand. He holds a model of our solar system used to explain relative sizes and distances to physics students.

Sitting in Fashion Merchandising, Rhonda Conn pays close attention to Mr. Christie as he gives instructions on how to sell candy.

A Booming Business

Ms. Diane Reed, director of the Business Department, remained enthusiastic about the program throughout the year. Along with the old favorites: typing, accounting and computer classes, the Business Department offered a new class called Information Processing. In Information Processing, students learned about spread sheets, data bases and Wang word processing. Typing taught students the basic skills needed to type on a standard typewriter, while Keyboarding taught students how to use a computer keyboard efficiently.

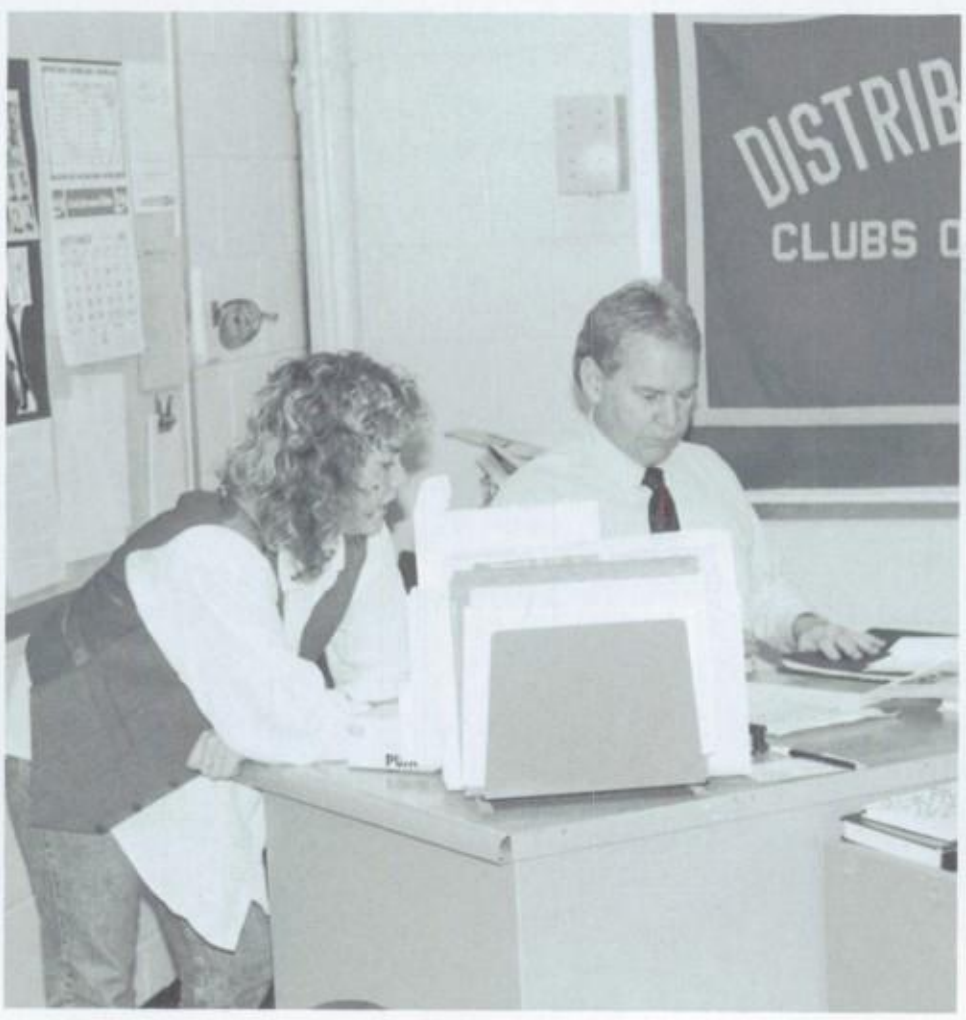
The most popular classes were the computer classes, which prepared students for the growing world and job market of tomorrow. Many colleges now require students to be computer literate. Lauren Harris, a junior who took a computer class, said, "These classes are going to help me a lot in college and when I'm looking for a job."

Another set of classes that potentially helped students in the job market were the Marketing and Fashion Merchandizing classes. Taught by Mr. James Christie and Ms. Debbie Urso, these electives were among the most popular.

In Fashion Merchandizing I, II and III, students learned how to be innovative in designing fashions. Marketing students learned how to sell and produce clothing in a practical and economical manner.

These two departments, Business and Marketing and Fashion Merchandizing, offered students a chance to learn about industries while in a classroom setting.

by Julie Gustafson



Fashion Merchandising class requires students to do various projects. Mr. Christie assists in these projects.

Typing class requires students to hand in a certain number of typed lines and projects each week. Vashti Leonard pauses between two exercizes.

Draw Upon Your Resources

One form of expression for Woodson students this year was participating in the Arts. The Drama Department and the Art Department provided ample opportunity for students to express themselves.

Ms. Joan Bedinger, the chairperson of the Drama Department, assembled a fine group of actors, directors and playwrights through the drama program.

The Drama Department offered a four year program of classes in which the students learned basic acting techniques, characterization, directing, play writing and improvisation. In the three/four Drama class the students produced their own show. The Drama Department gave students an opportunity to express themselves and to show off their natural talents for acting, singing and dancing. During a drama class even shy people felt more comfortable and confident about themselves.

Ms. Bedinger's main goal for her classes was to have variety in productions and high quality work. October 23-25 they hosted the Virginia Theater Association's One-act Competition and Festival at the Fair Oaks Holiday Inn. Approximately 20 secondary schools from Virginia participated. The department gave a command performance of *At An Exhibition* which they had been preparing for weeks. Leigh Copeland, a drama student, said, "VTA brought schools from all over Virginia together for a weekend of workshops, performances and a good time." During the winter they presented the comedy *Noises Off*. Their final prodution was the spring musical, *A Chorus Line*. Each play required working on sets, costumes, publicity and rehearsing, but in the end the students found that it paid off.

In another classroom, students were always busy. That room was none other than the Art room. The Art program, directed by Ms. Sandi Hammonds, has been a continuously successful area of our school.

Art classes were not as easy as they may have appeared. The curriculum consisted of in-class work and "home drawings". The 120 art students studied everything from contour lines and shading in Art I to the styles of famous artists in art III/IV. Ms. Hammond's comprehensive program geared students toward colleges for arts. Scheduling visits from such colleges as Parson's School of Design and Corcoran School, Ms. Hammons introduced students to portfolio requirements for application as well as to the various colleges.

The main reasons students enrolled in the arts were because they were interested in pursuing it as a career, parents or friends recommended the programs, or just because it was fun, challenging and new. For whatever reasons the students took drama and art, "It was equally fun and hard work," said Ms. Bedinger.

by Aliza Seelig, Lindsey Weller, and Jennifer A. Bryson

Mrs. Bedinger gives her drama class a lecture on the importance of voice intonations in acting.

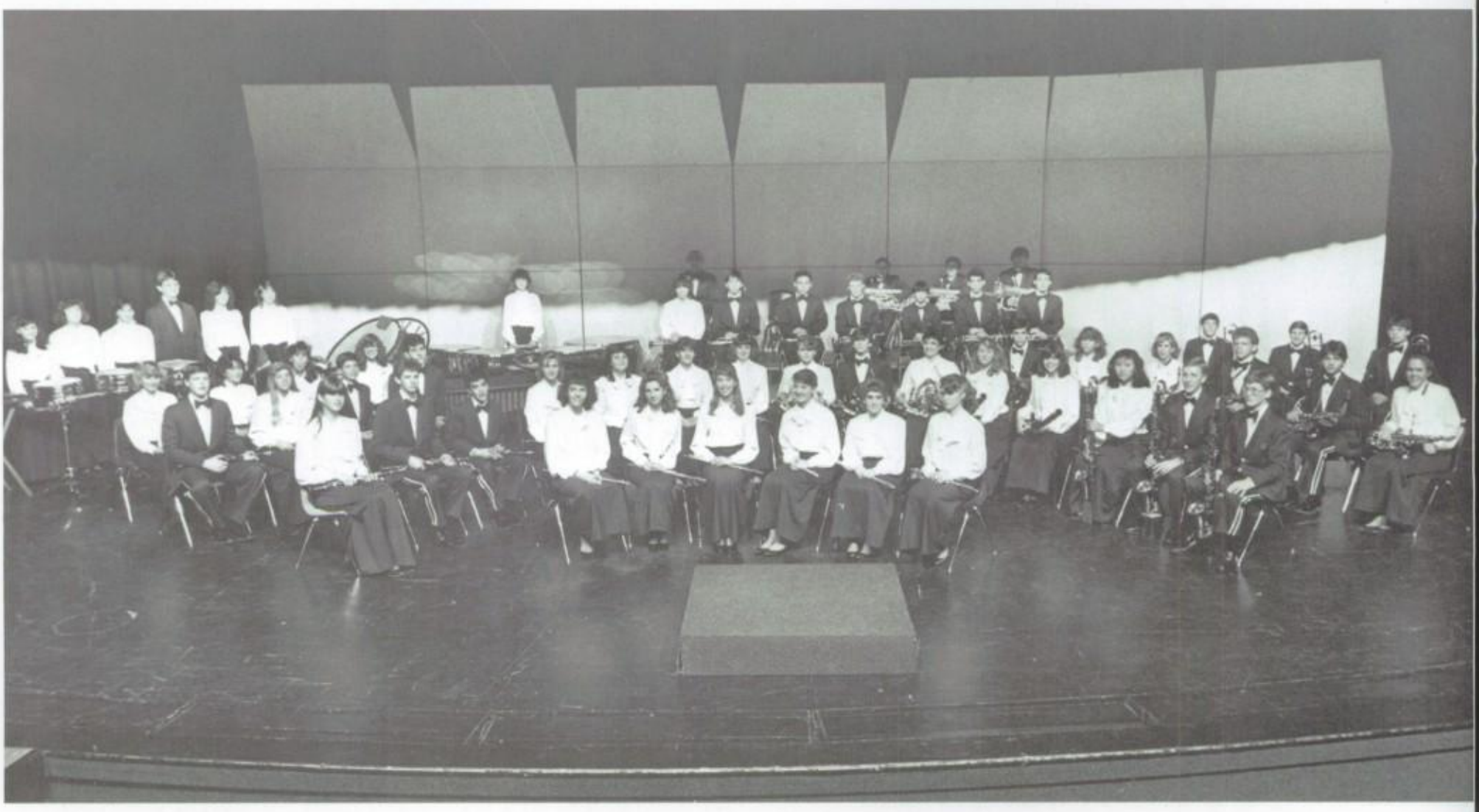
Art II students Karen Jaffe and Sarah Hills begin magnification drawings.

David Gatenby has skill on and off the stage.

Senior Nancy Ford combines her knowledge of various media to create a masterpiece.

Art teacher Ms. Hammonds helps her students make better drawings.

Symphonic Band:



Concert Band: Gena Wright, Kathy Casko, Jennifer Quin, Rana Roper, Lisa Sherwin, Jessica O'Donovan, Lynn Robinson, Randee Young, Beth Feder, Justine Wolfe, Meredith Huston, Dan Ellison, Pam Smith, Steve Klaus, Mike Jenkins, Josh Quarles, Kacey Young, Diane Champagny, Kristen Kennedy, Julie Davis, Andrea Yonts, Seung Hee-Kim, Scott Lenzmeier, Magan Shisler, Chris Guerre, Adair Cook, AnDrew Taylor, Chris Durha, Brian Wheeler, Brian Tom, Matt Fadoul, Tom Remus, Fred Bates, Susan Durham, Scott Hall, Mike Barnett, Heather Ferguson, Joe Laun, Jeff Jones, Brian Lenzmeier, Steve Rosenkranz, Kurt Frogale, Matt Marcus, Roger McClinton, Scott Stellmon, Brian Walsh, Karen Miller, Tammy Tompkins, Karen Scobie, Lisa Bowes, Matt Goves, Kelly Bowan, Browyn Cook, Joe Arnstein

Noted for Excellence

The music department offered students a large variety of classes this year. One could take Concert Band I and II, Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Jazz Ensemble and AP Music Theory.

The Concert and Symphonic bands, directed by Mr. John Casagrande, began the year working on marching tunes. They performed the annual winter, pre-festival, and spring concerts. The highlight of the year came April 19, when the Symphonic Band performed for the Music Educators National Conference in Indianpolis, Indiana.

"Performing for the conference meant working doubly hard — starting in October for the April show," commented senior Jill Changizi. It was an incredible honor to be chosen by the Music Educators out of hundreds of other bands.

The choir, led by Mr. Al Grant, presented a winter concert, an "Arts for Life" show, and a spring concert. Also, the choir participated in the Choral Festival at Edison High School on the 19th of March. Some of the choir students performed with the Honors Choir in Alexandria and the District XI Chorus. The year ended with an awards dinner for the choir students.

The orchestra, led by Ms. Melodie Thomas, was busy this year playing a winter concert, an "Arts for Life" concert, and a spring concert.

"Our rigorous music program serves a lot of purposes,"explained Mr. Casagrande."It exposes a variety of music to our students and teaches them the disciplines of performing musicians."

By Jennifer A. Bryson

Jazz Ensemble: Lawrence Srinivasan,Tom Sherwood,Eric Raecke,Denny D'Alelio,Carlos Linares,Matt Smith,Ben Gauslin,Tom Remus,Giti Khalsa

Curling, Cooking, Fixing: Basic Skills

Won ton soup anyone? Chocolate mousse? How about taking care of a child for a period? The Home Economics department offered classes for planning and preparing future life skills, such as Gourmet Foods 1 and 2, and Child Development. Not only members of the female gender took these classes — yes, guys took them too.

Mrs. Janet Baxter, head of the Home Economics department, taught here since 1987, said, "I enjoy teaching the classes. I have classes where there is an even amount of girls and boys. I even have a class where there are more boys than girls!" She explained that students took these courses to learn some basic skills: working together, with either small children or their peers, and the importance of these skills.

Students took Gourmet Foods to enrich their cooking skills. Gourmet Foods 1 showed basic techniques in cooking and preparing breads, desserts, and other simple dishes. Gourmet Foods 2 dealt with international cuisine and preparing complex meals such as chicken Kiev and won ton soup.

Child development gave students a chance to guide, teach and help children three to four years old. Playing outside, painting, coloring and an assortment of games gave these classes direct opportunities to learn about young children. "This class is important because it teaches you how to act, talk and work with children, in order for them to respond to you," said Zully Prieto.

The Home Economics department, like the Industrial Arts Department, gave students real-life experiences and taught how to deal with them.

In the Technical Center, students felt the same as Home Economics students about the importance of their courses. Tawanna Green, a cosmetology student, said "It is a very educational program which helps students with beauty and personal ethics." The Cosmetology Center was open to the public for hair styling, cuts, coloring, perms, relaxers and treatments, manicures and facials.

Computer Repair offered students the chance to learn more about the computer industry and also added to character development and work ethics. Mr. Andy Klesh, Computer Repair teacher, said, "The computer industry is the wave of the future." Other classes that prepared students for life in quickly growing fields were Veterinary Aid, Basic Technical Drawing, Air Conditioning and Refrigerator Repair and Auto Repair. After taking courses in the Technical and Industrial Center and the Home Economics Department, students were ready to take on the world.

by Sasha Hennessy and Julie Gustafson

With a shoebox, the children in a Child Development class find that even simple things can be fun.

Paul Hickey learns how to fix an engine in auto mechancs, a skill that will help him no matter what he does in the future.

Cosmetology students Vicky Alexander and her assistant curl a the hair of a patron of the Cosmetology Department, giving her a new style and learning an important lesson in human relations.

A t-square is a vital instrument in Basic Technical Drawing, as Mr. Brown demonstrates to Justin Wolf.

James Bennett becomes proficient using a t-square for Basic Technical Drawing by practicing.

Communicating Caring

After ten years, Woodson has seen many changes in the total communication program. The program has grown from two hearing impaired students and an interpreter to fourteen students and five interpreters.

Mrs. Linda Sheppard and Mrs. Jean Nikovits were in charge of the program. Many of the interpreters are trained teachers of the deaf who work as both teachers and interpreters.

English nine, ten, and eleven classes were offered as well as resource classes to the hearing impaired. Otherwise, these students attended the same classes as other students in the school.

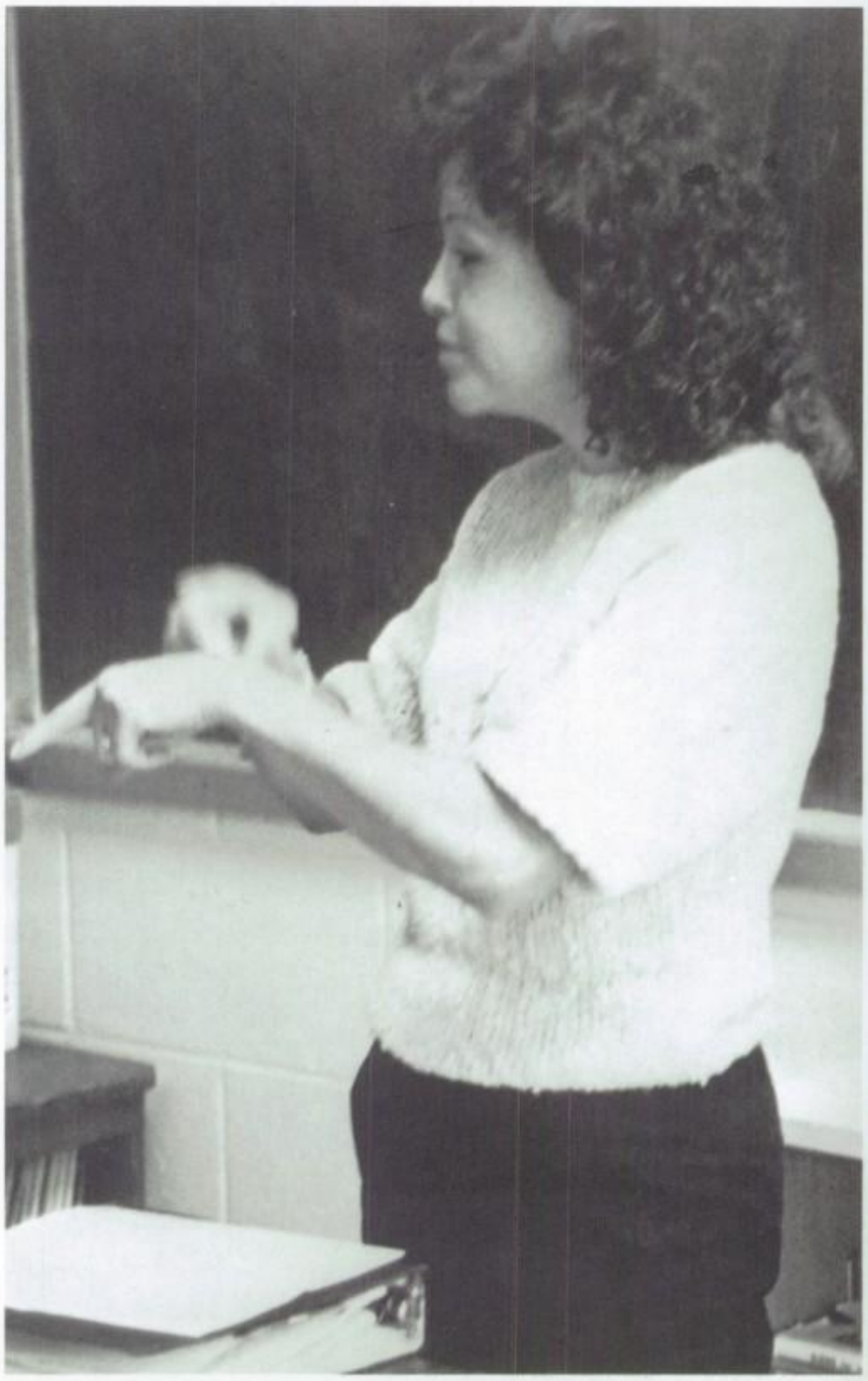
"It's great if two or more people get put into the same class but our students have different interests," said Mrs. Sheppard.

Mrs Nikovits and Mrs. Shepard encouraged their students to participate in many after-school activities. By partipating in activities such as the National Honor Society, football team, and swim team, students could get to know other people in different areas of the school.

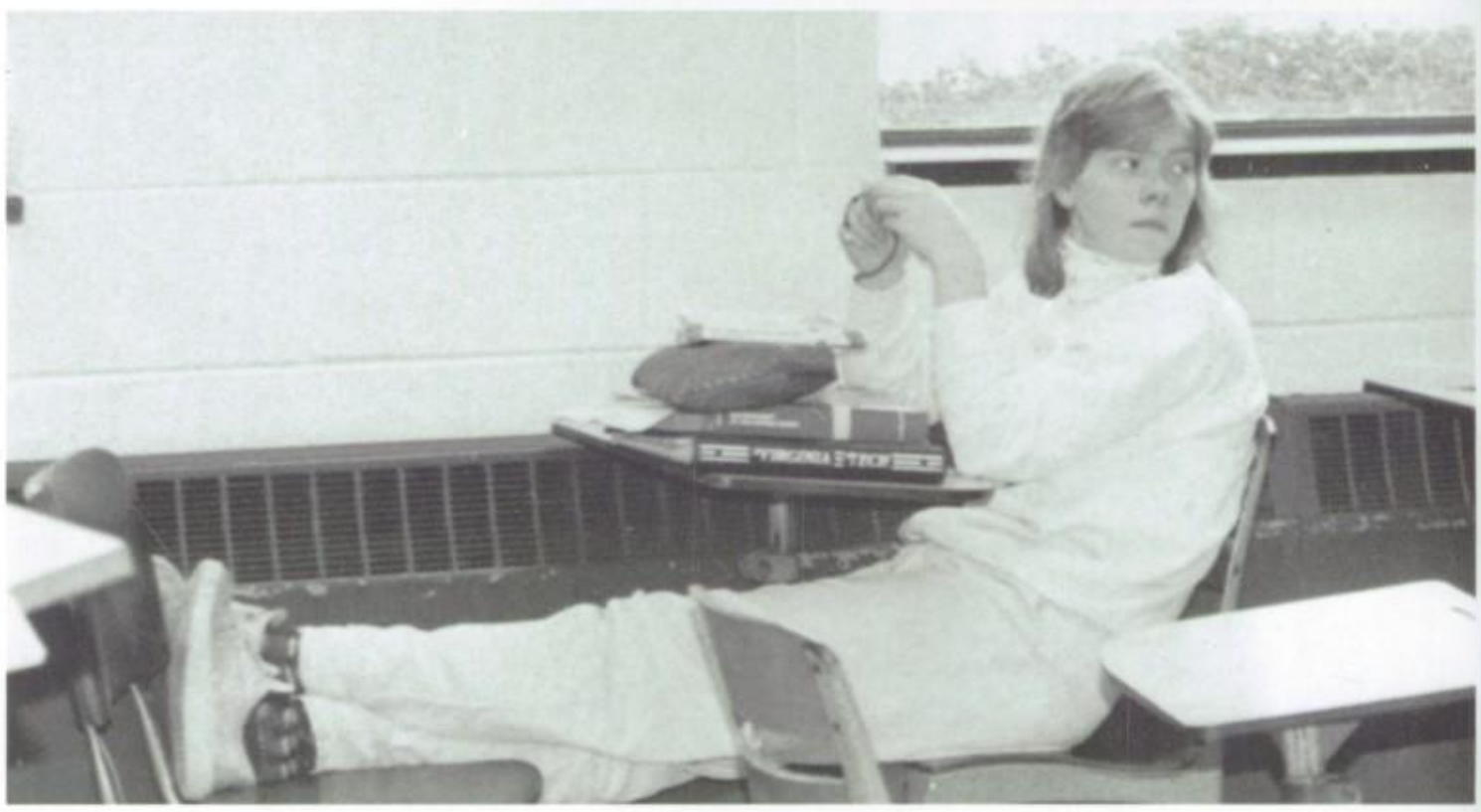
In the past ten years, the total communications department has expanded and improved. Students have advanced to skillful communication with others, enabling them to get a broader high school experience.

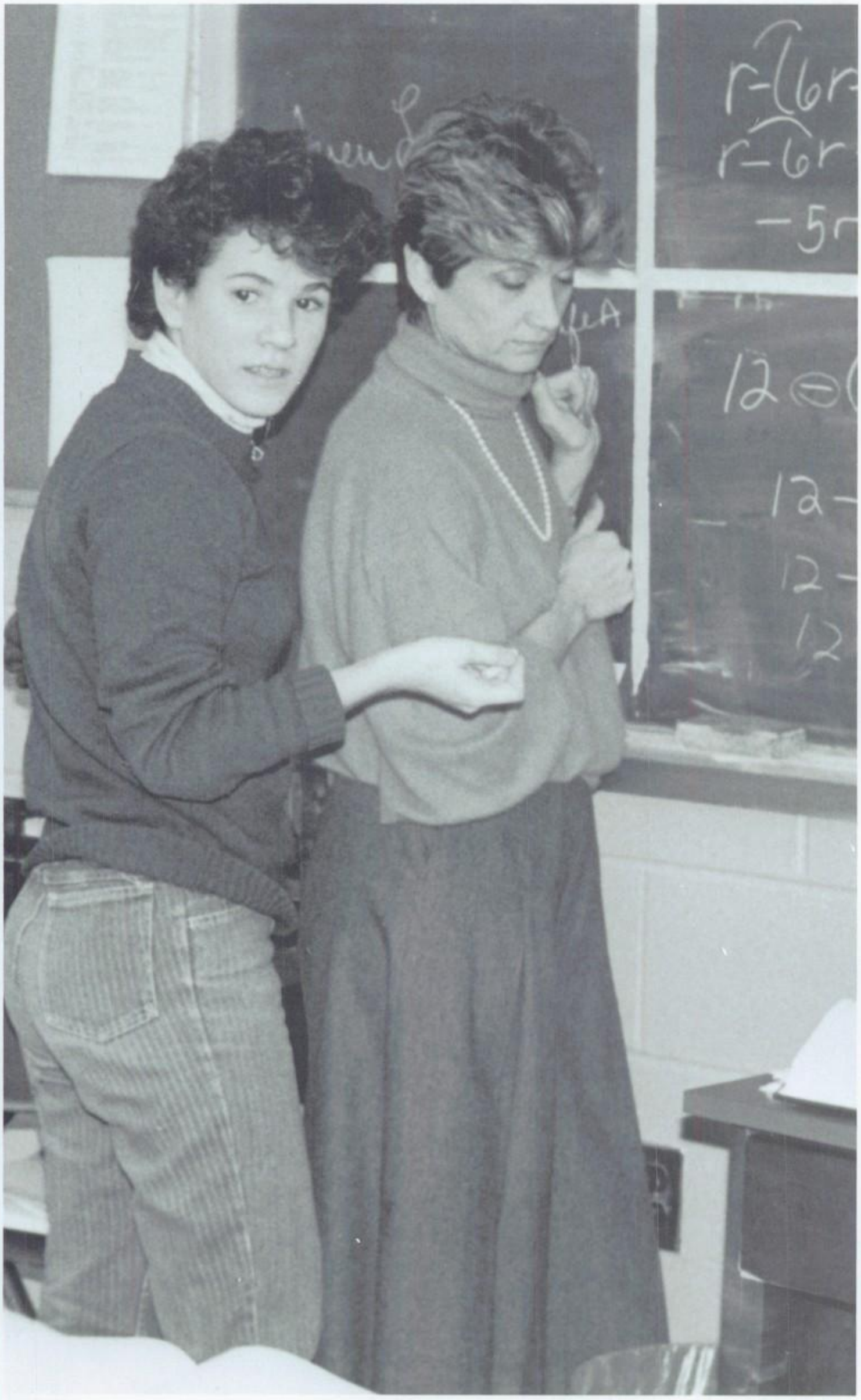
by Inger Brown

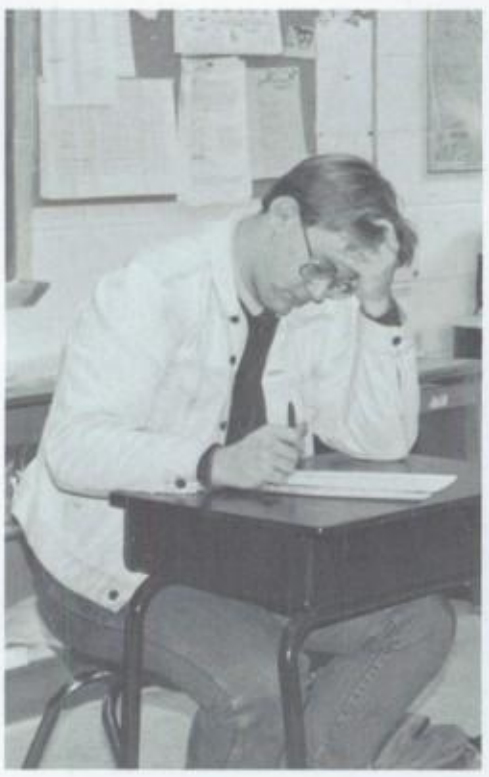
Ms. Linda Shepherd, a total communications teacher, interprets a teacher's instructions for hearing impaired students during class.



Hearing impaired students were mainstreamed into classes with the help of interpreters. Laura Brown has ample opportunity to participate in Mrs. Hoebel's fifth period English class.







In a class especially designed to help students with hearing problems, Robert Underhill battles with a difficult test.

With the help of Jean Nikovitz, Jennifer Griffith works out an algebra problem on the board.

Dribbling, shooting and passing are skills practiced by Michael Jenkins, Pat Fink and Steve Soard in gym class during the colder months.

A gym student packs a powerful punch to the soccer ball.

Aiming High

"The kids this year are in better condition than previous years," said Mr. Barry Williams, who completed his second year as the Physical Education Department chairperson.

The seven Physical Education teachers worked to improve their students' scores on the Presidential Physical Fitness Tests. More weights and training classes were offered than in previous years, and the ninth graders stayed with their base teacher for the entire year, instead of switching each quarter.

The department stessed discipline and fitness, and a noticeable improvement in the classes resulted.

Mr. Wiliams and his staff agreed that it was the young people who kept them going. Senior Peter Murray said, "P.E. was a blast, but don't play the flinch game with Coach Labbazetta."

by Brian Gorges

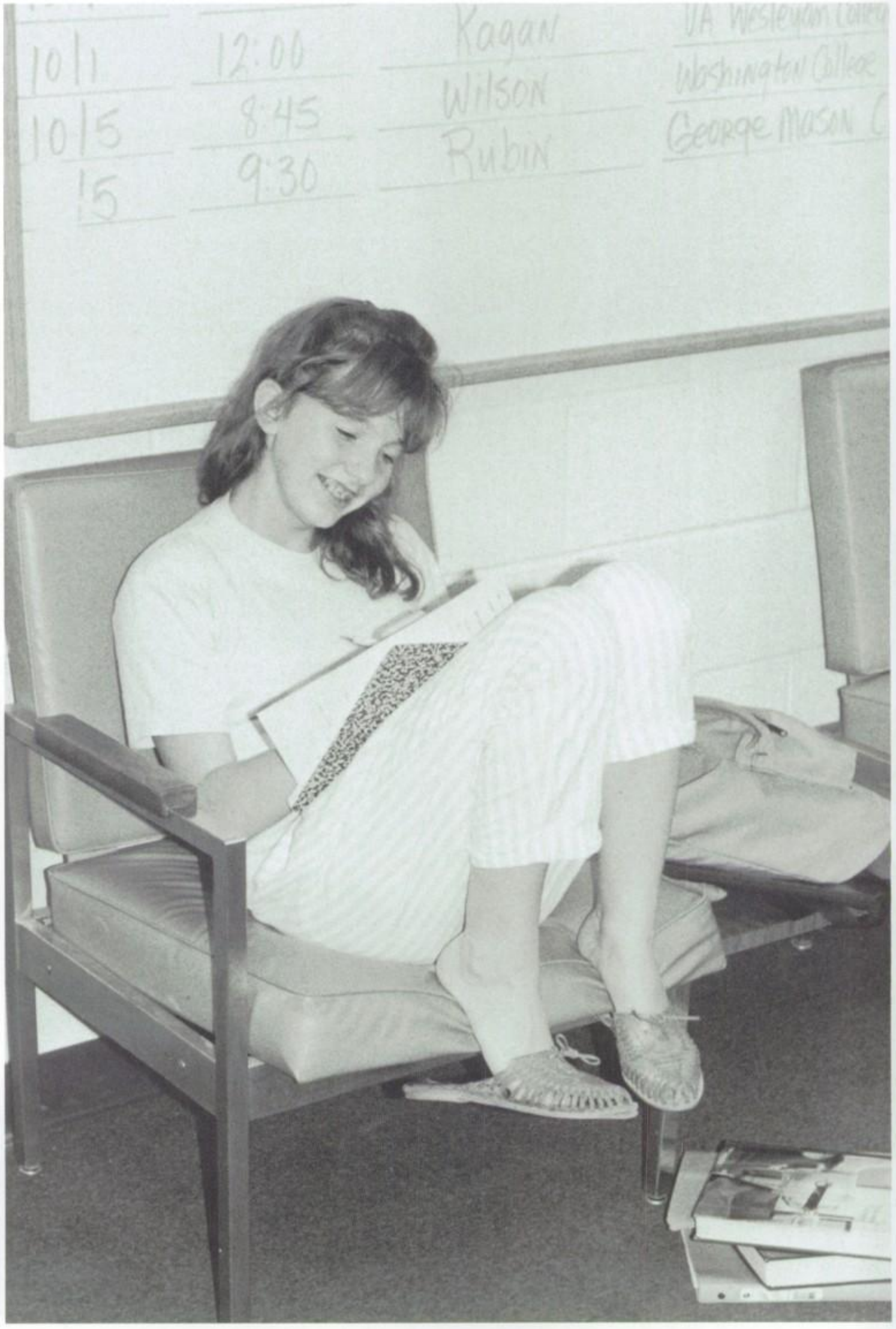
Coach Knupp watches over his gym class to make sure they are using correct form while they play soccer.

Julie Whitacre practices her forehand.

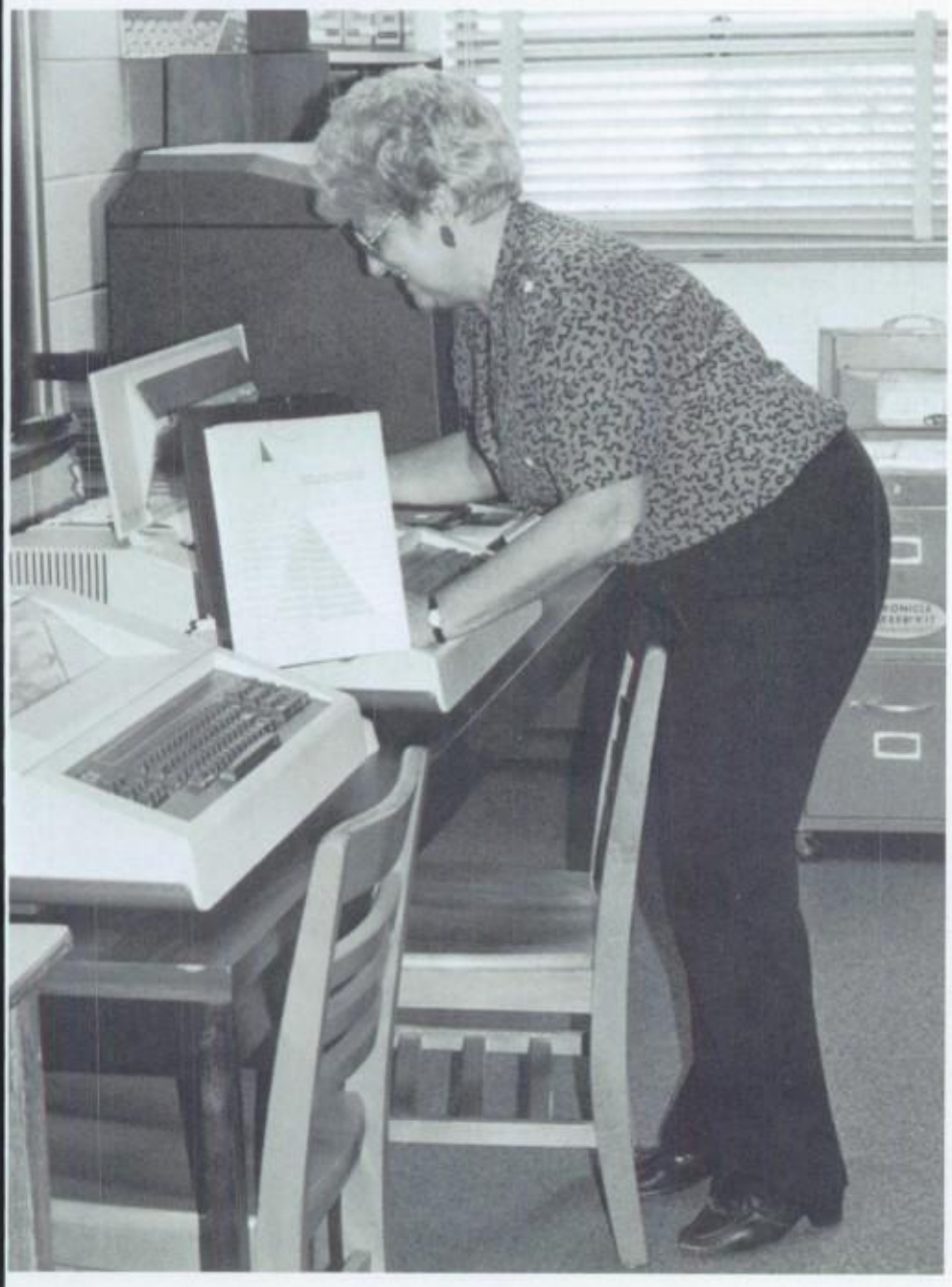
A good defense can be the best offense. Sean Brown, Mike Yang and Young Troung wait for the offense to kick.

Taking a break, Guidance aid Heather Dolby does a little homework.

Counselor Mrs. Paine fills out college recomendations in her office.



All Seniors, such as Paul Singh and Karen Peck, met in the Career Center with their English class to learn how to fill out college applications.



Using a computer, Mrs. Litman finds colleges and scholarships to meet students' needs.

Helping Hands

This year the Guidance Department, which includes the Career Center, provided personal advice, help in course selections and abundant information on college and career opportunities.

All students participated in a college or career unit to aid them with plans for their future and to familiarize the students with the career center. For the first time, the Guidance Department, in conjunction with the career center unit, passed out senior handbooks. The books included a planning schedule for college bound seniors, recommendation information forms, a list of Virginia colleges and suggestions on how to write application essays.

The Guidance Department did not, however, focus strictly on seniors. Woodson started its first peer counseling class for both juniors and seniors. Ms. Marshall and Ms. Rubin headed this class that discussed communication, decision-making, and ethics. Guidance counselors also took special care of freshmen, helping them to adjust to their new high-school lives.

Mrs. Litman helped students discover all the available sources of information in the Career Center, including college catalogues, trade and technical books, career files, and a Guidance Information System computer. Juniors, seniors, and even some eager sophomores came to the Career Center to see college and universtiy representatives speak to Woodson students. Some of the popular college visits were Harvard, Brown, Stanford, VPI, Duke, and James Madison University.

Senior Tommy Tompkins summed up his appreciation by saying, "If it weren't for Ms. Litman, the Career Center, and my Guidance counselor, I would probably end up selling hot dogs in D.C."

by Cheryl An and Emily Allen

Working It Out

Leading this school to the top was the name of their game. Without the administators, our school would not have been one of the top ranked high schools in Fairfax County. By putting long hours into their work, Principal Charles E. Billak and Vice Principals Jack Woodard, John Schultz, Charles McCormick and Jerri Ewing not only kept our school running, but scheduled the many social activities that we enjoyed, like football games and dances. Our administration also included Mr. Phil Turner, Director of Student Activities, his assistant, Ms. Barbara Rogers, Mr. Bernie Thompson, Mr. Dick Lester, and Ms. Annie Lou Robinson.

In his third year as principal, Mr. Billak continued to emphasize academic achievement. One place where this emphasis became apparent was in sports. Coaches awarded special certificates on Awards Night to students who maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average. Mr. Billak initiated a new attendance policy, which stressed students reporting to class on time. Teachers attended seminars to learn how to help their students do better. Students tutored other students in the newly created Cavalier Hall. All of these programs combined to improve our school.

With the help of the administrators, teachers secured the strong foundation which students need; this strong basis shone through in the success of students involved in academic clubs and contests.

Football games, dances and Senior privileges would not have been possible without the administration. Administrators, however, were not the only ones who provided students with something to do. The library was a popular place to socialize, finish homework, and just plain hang-out during break, lunch and after school. One frequenter of the library, junior Cindy Riddick, said, "I enjoy going to the library because it is a place to sit down and relax after classes."

The library held good reading material and information for research. Approximately 24,000 books circulated in our library. The two librarians, Ms. Boody Poarch and Ms. Linda Sudduth, tried to choose materials that would enhance what students were working on in their classes. "I think that the library is very well used...well, at least there are a lot of bodies in here all the time," said Ms. Poarch.

The new micro-fiche and computer facilities in the library became indispensible. Instead of going to a large public library, students used the magazines on micro-fiche to do research on current issues. At the beginning of the year, every English class, from ninth to twelfth grades, went to a special library orientation. Ms. Poarch and Ms. Sudduth showed students how to use the new computers, reference books like *The Dictionary of American Biography* and anthologies of all sorts.

Through leadership and resources, the administrators and librarians gave a creative atmosphere to help fulfill students' educational needs.

by Mindy Gampel and Inger Brown

Thad Christiansen takes notes from a reference book in the library.

As Homecoming Court member Mia McKeta watches, Mr. Billak does one of his more pleasant jobs: he crowns Cindy Hite Homecoming Queen.

Lawrence Srinivasan gives advice to Jon Rozzell on his Physics homework.

Jeff Coulter, Teresa Cary and Ruth Hammervold meet in the Library to work on their A.P. English essays.

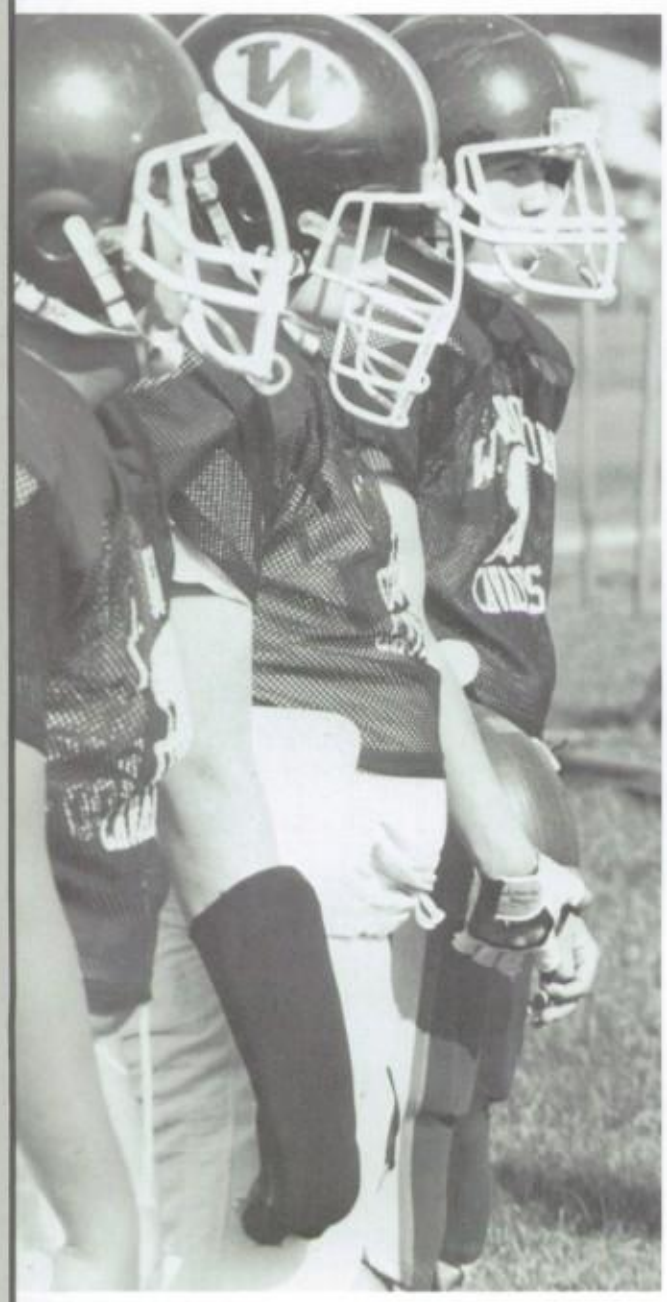
Secretary Ms. Rossing uses her department's computer to look up reference materials.

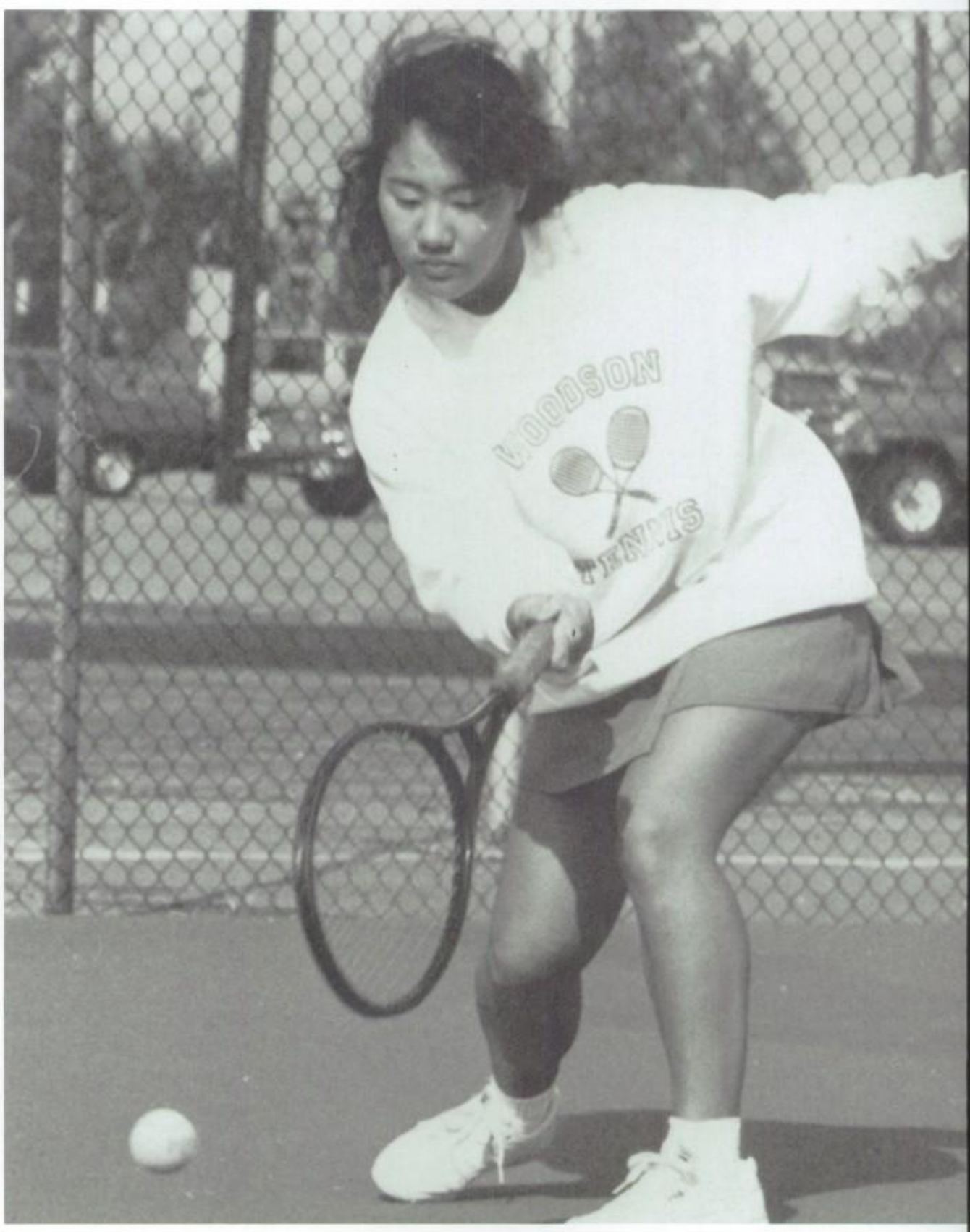
The jobs of Mrs. Ewing include everything from organizing Cavalier Hall, the tutoring service, to copying bulletins on the photocopy machine.

During field hockey practice, Kristine Healy helps Jode Osborn check for injuries on her feet.

A forehand takes years to perfect. Susan Yoo practices for her next tennis match.

Freshmen football players pause before beginning their afternoon practice.





Sports

It's not all fun and games

Soreness, sweat, exhaustion and thirst ... symptoms found in mononucleosis patients and high school athletes. High school athletes, however, benefitted from their symptoms. Some won glorious victories, some attained personal goals and others just had fun. Many athletes did all of these things. Sports released tension, helped students make new friends and gave us something constructive to do after school and on weekends.

A smaller student population made it possible for more of us to play on teams, which actually improved the over all results. For instance, the football team, smaller in stature than other teams in our district, captured a few resounding victories, one of them against highly ranked Annandale, our arch-rival. The smaller guys would probably not have played if we had a larger school with more big guys.

Over half of the students participated in sports, some competitively and others not. Mike Stuart, a senior runner on the cross country team, said, "I feel more healthy when I run." Fun sports, lacrosse and crew, which began as clubs but also competed, enjoyed added popularity this year.

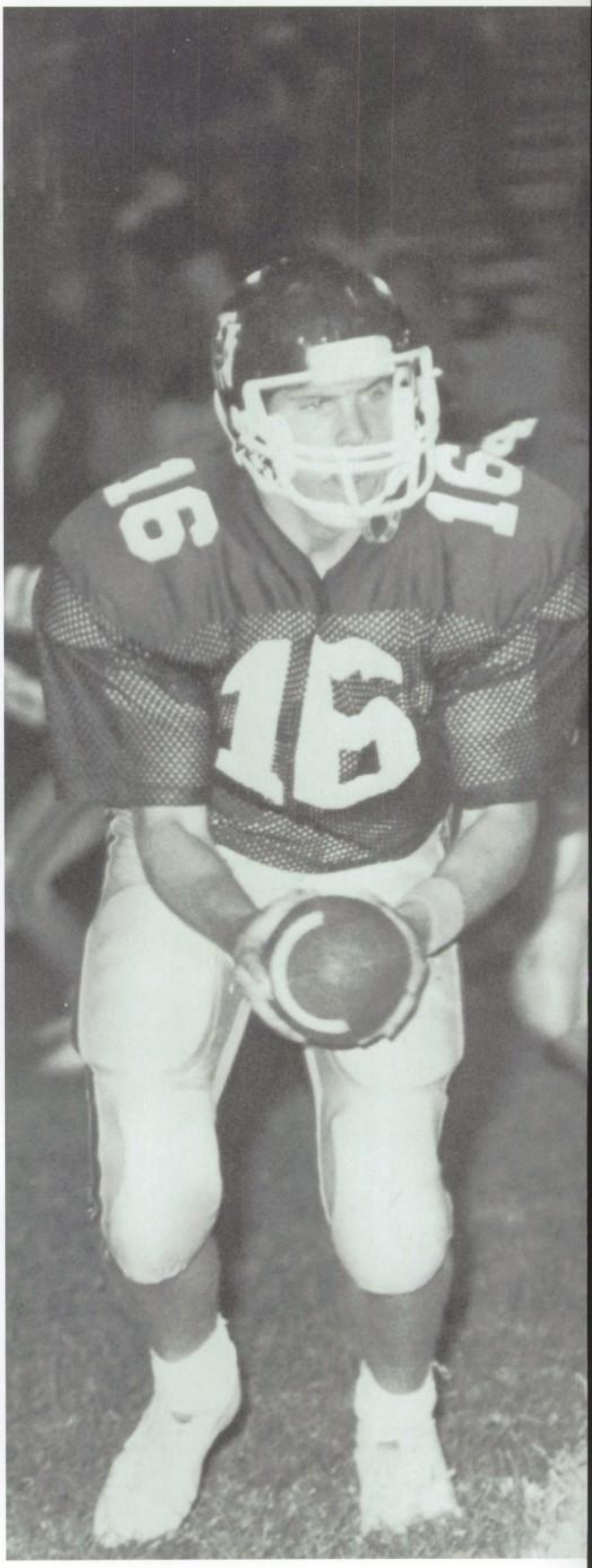
Award winning teams thrived, as witnessed by tennis team players Michelle Dodds and Allison Oshinsky, who had regional doubles standing and Michelle's sweep of the state championship. The field hockey team also advanced to the regional level and the girls cross country team won third in the state.

Any athlete would say that the pain was worthwhile. Competition inspired them to improve their scores and times, and success inspired them to survive another day of soreness, sweat, exhaustion and thirst.

by Terry Stryer

Taking a break from the game, Jon Beam talks to head trainer Ms. Lisa Langley about an injury.

Following a spectacular season, Jarrett McCleskey and Seth Waxman embrace, showing how the team "stuck together".



The cheerleaders traditionally made a banner for the Homecoming Game that said, "WE WANT T.C." At halftime Darin Gleason breaks through the banner.

Team togetherness, ability, practice for

Breaking Through Barriers

This football season started out with an impressive win over Falls Church. Then the team stubbed its collective toe in a game against South Lakes. Still, they went into the district play-offs sporting a 3-7 record.

"With only four returning starters, you're looking at a 3-7 record," explained Coach Ken Poates at the Fall Sports Banquet. The Northern District, a very tough district, combined with injuries early in the season to make it more difficult for the Cavaliers to overcome their difficulties. However, outstanding individual performances combined to make every victory the result of a team effort. One of the outstanding players, linebacker Trent Bowers, said, "This season was spiritually uplifting because we all stuck together."

The most emotional games were against T.C. Williams, at Homecoming, and against our rival Annandale. Although the team overcame the Annandale Atoms in a 14-13 thriller, the number one ranked T.C. Williams proved too much for our players.

"This season was uplifting because we all stuck together."

The new system of team ranking allowed two teams from our hard-playing district into the playoffs. Each team earned twelve points for every game it won, plus one extra for every time the teams they defeated won.

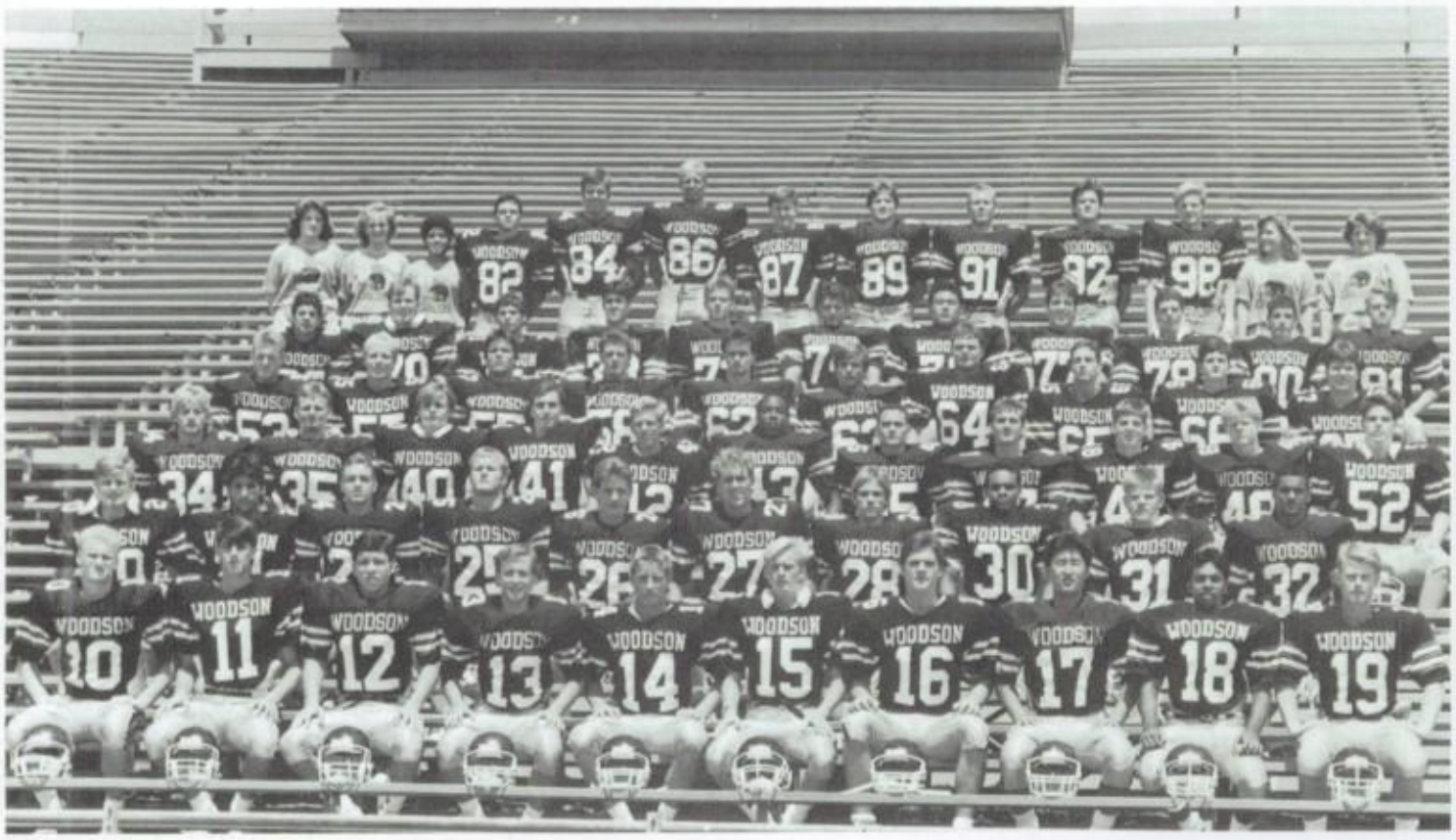
Overall, everyone was pleased with the season. Fans had fun at games, coaches were proud of their players, and the players themselves found football to be a rewarding experience. Byron Jenkins and Trent Bowers were captains; Trent and Jarret McClesky received the Cavalier Award, presented to the individuals who showed their leadership on and off the field.

A player who will return next year, junior Jason Finch, summed up the season as, "Overall, it was satisfying for all our hard work."

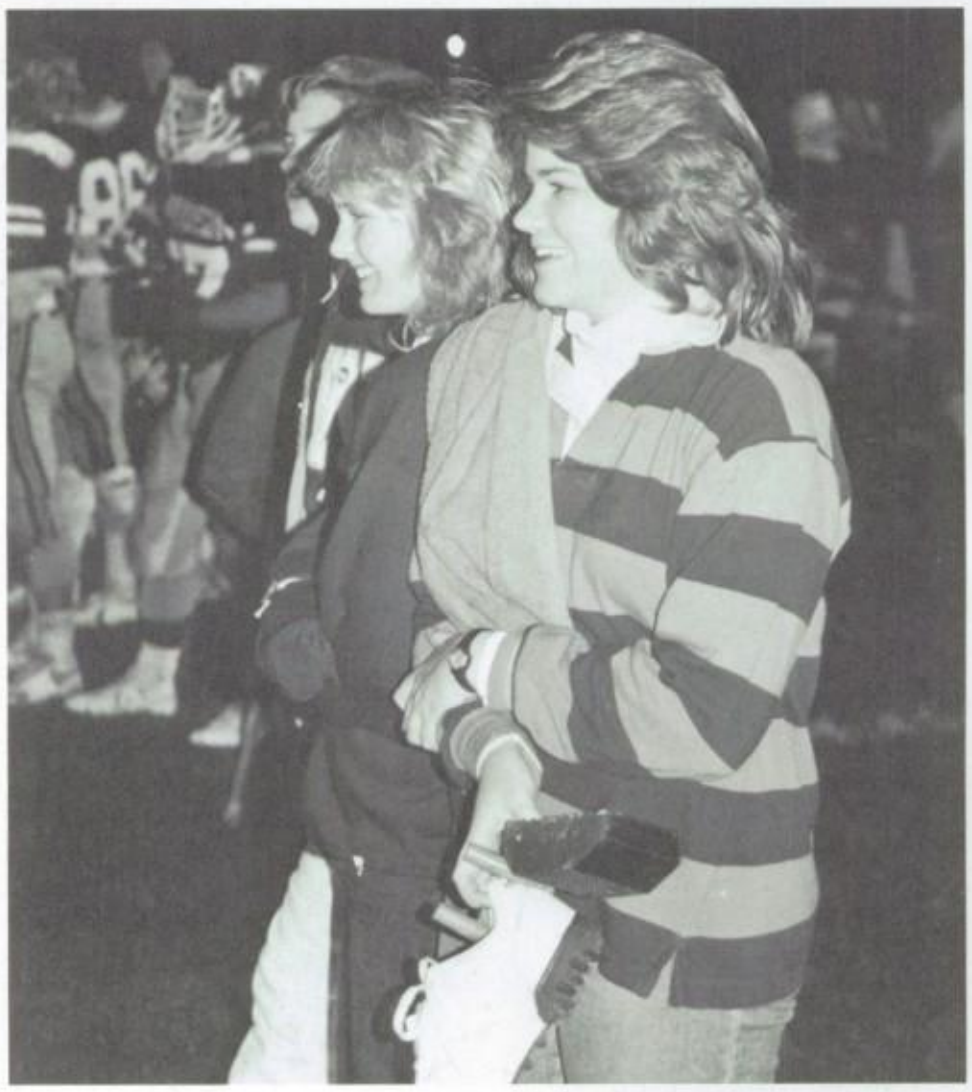
by Brian Gorges

In a trick play, quarterback James Depoy gets ready to hand the ball off to halfback William Weaver.

Shawn Mullen, Darin Gleason, Colby Leonard, Shane Crandall, Jason Finch, James DePoy, Ed An, Adnan Nalik, Lars Olson, Joel Fister,Ricky Hoyos, Brook Leonard, Jerry Ellison, Steve Soard, Jon Beam, Ben Meyer, Trent Overboe, Kyle Allison, Byron Jenkins, Rob Halstead, Robert Dinkins, William Weaver, Steve Hicks, Kyle Koontz, Dean Mitchell, Wayne Shepherd, Brandon Sullivan, David Wisgerhof, Scott Stellmon, Eric Hazzard, Ted Martin, Trent Bowers, Ray Reed, Brian Scheisl, Matt Duff, Louis Clark, Greg Silvey, T.J. Jones, Doug Horne, Brian Kerns, Lane Clopper, Terry Clark, Dan Shanahan, Chris Charmer, Brian Gorges, Chris Reynolds, Scott Eargle, Dan Cunningham, Matt Maupin, Heesung Eun, Peter Murray, Seth Waxman, Jason Cook, Bill Campbell, Chris Derrickson, Jarrett VcCleskey, Jeff Schnore, Steve Ahern, Alex Fry, Kirk Kirschenbauer. Managers: Shelly Neely, Dee Neely, Karen Fairchild, Lisa Davis, Debbie Wittenbach.



WTW		opponent
34	Falls Church	6
0	South Lakes	6
14	Annandale	13
14	Hayfield	7
20	West Springfield	0
13	T.C. Williams	17
14	Lake Braddock	19
14	Oakton	3
14	Herndon	0
0	Robinson	16



Football team managers Debbie Neely and Karen Fairchild hold the players' cleats, keep track of their gear and cheer faithfully, even on the cold October nights.

Only by practicing for many hours could Shane Crandall perfect kicking extra points. His practice pays off in close games like the 14-13 win over Annandale.

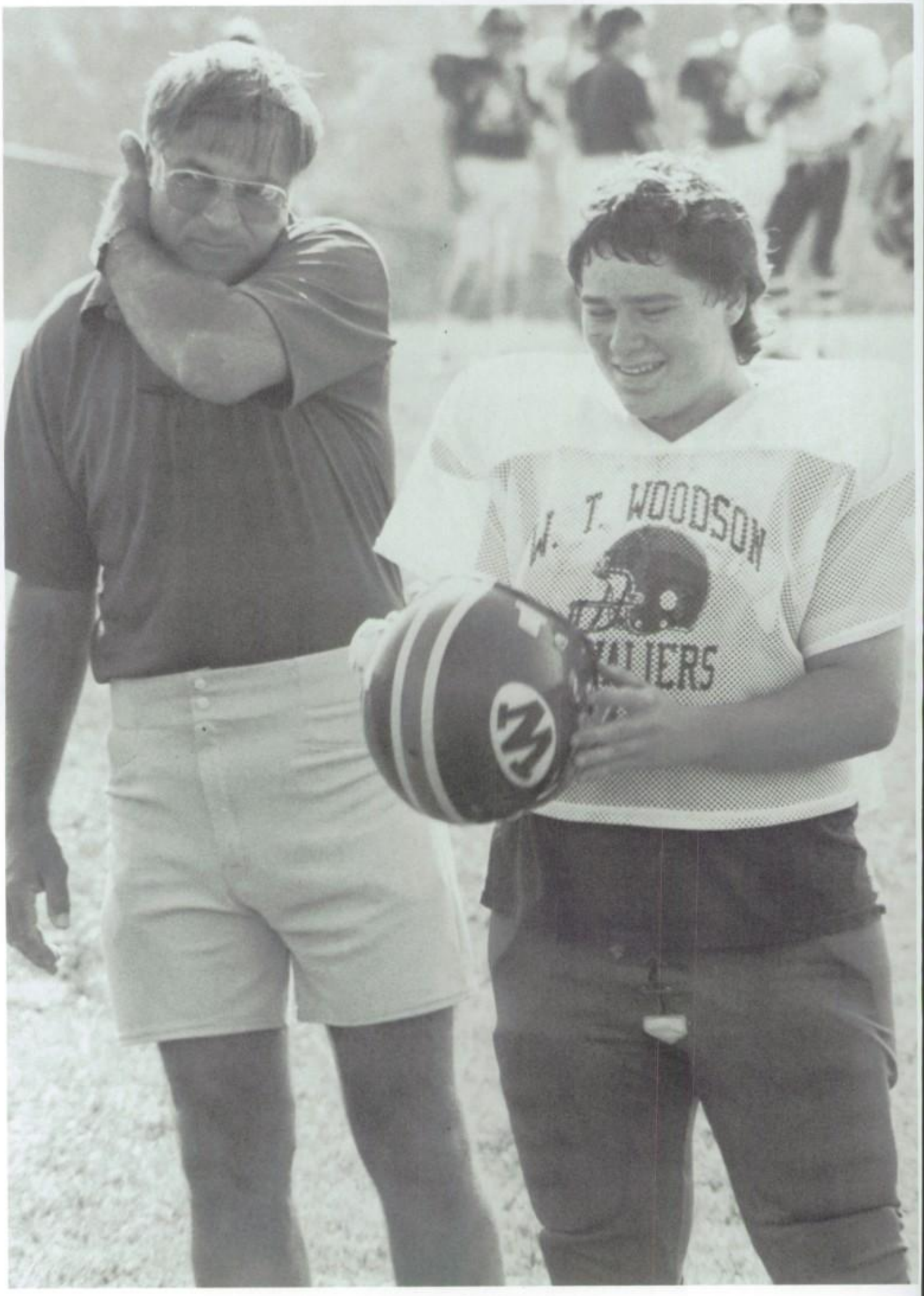
At the Homecoming Game, Jerry Ellison narrowly escapes being tackled by a player from T.C. Williams, thereby gaining yardage for our school.

The freshman football team, composed of Richard Phillips, Jerry Mudd, Bryan Flemming, Bryan Haas, Jon Finch, Hoang Le, Tony Lim, Channing Deloplane, Freddy Saenz, Mike Woolever, Phillip Winston, Ryan Marcotte, Brennan Hawken, Nicholas Owen, Paul Esquerra, David Ryan, Tim Whitehead, Derek Nicely, Sean Griffey, Chris Cline, Alan Reichbart, MacLean Wilson, Darryl Krone, Chuck Kelley, Brian Wright, Frank Judnich, Charles Sharpe, Matthew Doherty, Jin Lim, Jimmy Ghannam, Hae Sung Lee, Daneil Schwartœ, Andrew Heisley, Ji Yoo and Meredith Boyd wait until the quarterback hikes the ball.

Annandale
Hayfield
West Springfield
T.C. Williams
Lake Braddock
Oakton
Herndon
Robinson

Chris Cline listens to the coach describe the next play.

Coach Boyd encourages Meredith Boyd to work hard.



Learning, growing, becoming a team

Knocked Into Shape

This year's junior varsity and freshman football teams were full of ripening talent. Jeff Miller, a sophomore, led the team and received the Cavalier Award for J.V. Freshman Derrik Nicely received the award for the freshmen's team.

According to Jeff, the most rewarding game was against Lake Braddock. With less than two minutes left in the game, he directed two scoring drives that tied the game. The defense, led by Scott Pullen, Jason Spazzano, Eric Hazzard and T.C. Clark, also contributed to the 4-3-1 season.

"We ran, exercized, hit the sled .... the discipline I learned will help me grow."

The freshmen ended the season 2-5. Defensive linesman Alan Reichbart said, "We ran, exercized, hit the sled....the discipline I learned will help me grow as a person." Coach Billy Pugh and Coach John Ashton helped guide the freshman and junior varsity players through an athletic learning experience.

by Brian Gorges

South Lakes
Annandale
Hayfield
West Springfield
T.C. Williams
Lake Braddock
Oakton
Herndon
Robinson

During afternoon practice Rob Shields and the rest of the J.V. players run into blocking dummies.

Jeff Miller, Rob Shields, Fred Bates, Derek Moore, John Bufton, Sam Coffing, Greg Garza, Jeong Yoon, Shawn Kingston, Justin Wolf, Scot Pulen, Peter VanWill, Corey Magee, Jason Morrell, Ronnie Clark, T.J. Jones, Mike Yatsko, Ruben Castellano, Jason Spezzano, Eric Resnick, Chris Chattin, Brian Chamer, John Pucciano, Ryan Buncher, Stephan Rosenkranz, Chris Patterson, Charlie Kim, Sung Choi, Ty Kehrer, Bob Farkas, Sean Boyd, Brad Gill, Brad Buzzell. Managers: Karen Fairchild, Shelly Neely, Lisa Davis, Tracey

Brooke Brinkerhoff, De Ette Daniel, Maria D'Errico, Diane Egede-Nissen, Cathy Flaherty, Kristine Healy, Lara Heck, Julie Hohm, Mary Pat Howard, Beth Kern, Trinette Leporati, Anne Michelangelo, Jode Osborn, Patti Reeder, Cate Surles, Kathy Vann, Jenny Wuebker and Kara Wuebker.

WTW		opponent
1	Oakton	0
1	Robinson	0
1	Lake Braddock	2
2	T.C. Williams	0
1	North Stafford	2
2	West Springfield	1
0	Oakton	2
0	Robinson	1
1	West Springfield	0
5	Lake Braddock	6
1	T.C. Williams	0
2	Langley	1
	Districts	
1	Oakton	0
3	Robinson	1
2	Lake Braddock	0
	Regionals	
3	Langley	0
2	West Potomac	1

Coach Connely explains a play to field hockey player Beth Kerns.

Fearless Goalie Diane Egede-Nissen prepares to make a save during practice.

For a regional win, scoring wasn't everything

Blocking the Shots

Field hockey originated in Persia nearly four thousand years ago. It is the oldest stick and ball game in existence. The modern form of the game began in London about 1875, and years later it was perfected by the W.T. Woodson field hockey teams.

The varsity and junior varsity field hockey teams both had sensational seasons. Varsity rounded out with eleven wins, and J.V. ended up with seven wins.

Varsity captains Jode Osborne and Patty Reeder expressed strong leadership in guiding the team to a successful season. The team beat out Lake Braddock for the district title, and went on to regionals where they played exceptionally well. Goalie Diane Egede-Nissen said, "I think we did really well! We worked together as a team and had a lot of fun."

Junior varsity captains Angie Lingle and Natasha Rogers took on a great deal of responsibility. "Only four returning players, and a lot of freshmen, you'd think we'd do badly, but the freshmen learned and did a good job," said Angie. "Yeah, the freshmen caught on quickly!" agreed Abby Smith, "We had a good time. We became a big group of friends." Natasha Rogers exemplified exceptional talent. She was booted up to varsity for districts. J.V. coach Ms. Wolfe said, "I was really pleased with how we came together as a team. Considering that eighteen of our players were first year players, I think we mostly dominated and controlled the field."

by Karen House

"We worked together as a team and really had fun."

WTW		opponent
1	Oakton	0
2	Robinson	0
0	Lake Braddock	1
2	T.C. Williams	0
0	North Stafford	0
1	West Springfield	0
1	Oakton	0
1	Robinson	0
0	West Springfield	0
1	Lake Braddock	2
3	T.C. Williams	0
1	Langley	2

As JV coach Ms. Wolfe looks on, Suzanne Hutchings, Janeen Vincent and Jill Moran discuss strategies during practice.

Suzi Clarke, Becky Entlich, Tara Ferris, Suzanne Hutchings, Penny Hammett, Anne Marie Karver, Angie Lingle, Alex Malooley, Megan Maltby, Jill Moran, Mindy Moshides, Katy Nordenbrook, Bobbie Price, Natasha Rogers, Linda Schneider, Abby Smith, Jia Stephens, Deanne Stolte, Janeen Vincent, Jill Von Kuegelgen, Missy Wuebker and Nancy Weigle.

Taking careful aim, keeping a steady grip

Giving It a Good Shot

Winning seasons have been part of the tradition of the Golf and the Rifle teams for many years. Mark Kugler and Dan Rahe were the two captains of the Rifle team. They also led the Rifle team scoring points at matches. Kirk McCullough also contributed outstandingly to the team's overall score. The team spent hours shooting at targets at Fort Belvoir, where most of their matches were held. The members had the timing and precision good rifle shooters needed to handle the stress created by the intense atmosphere at matches.

The Rifle team has won over 150 matches and lost only three over the past ten years.

One of the most successful teams at school, the Rifle team has won over 150 matches and lost only three over the last ten years.

Golf was another sport that required precision and a good eye. The Golf team members' iron nerves served them well in the competition against other schools. Brian Messerli led the team with a second in the district individual score.

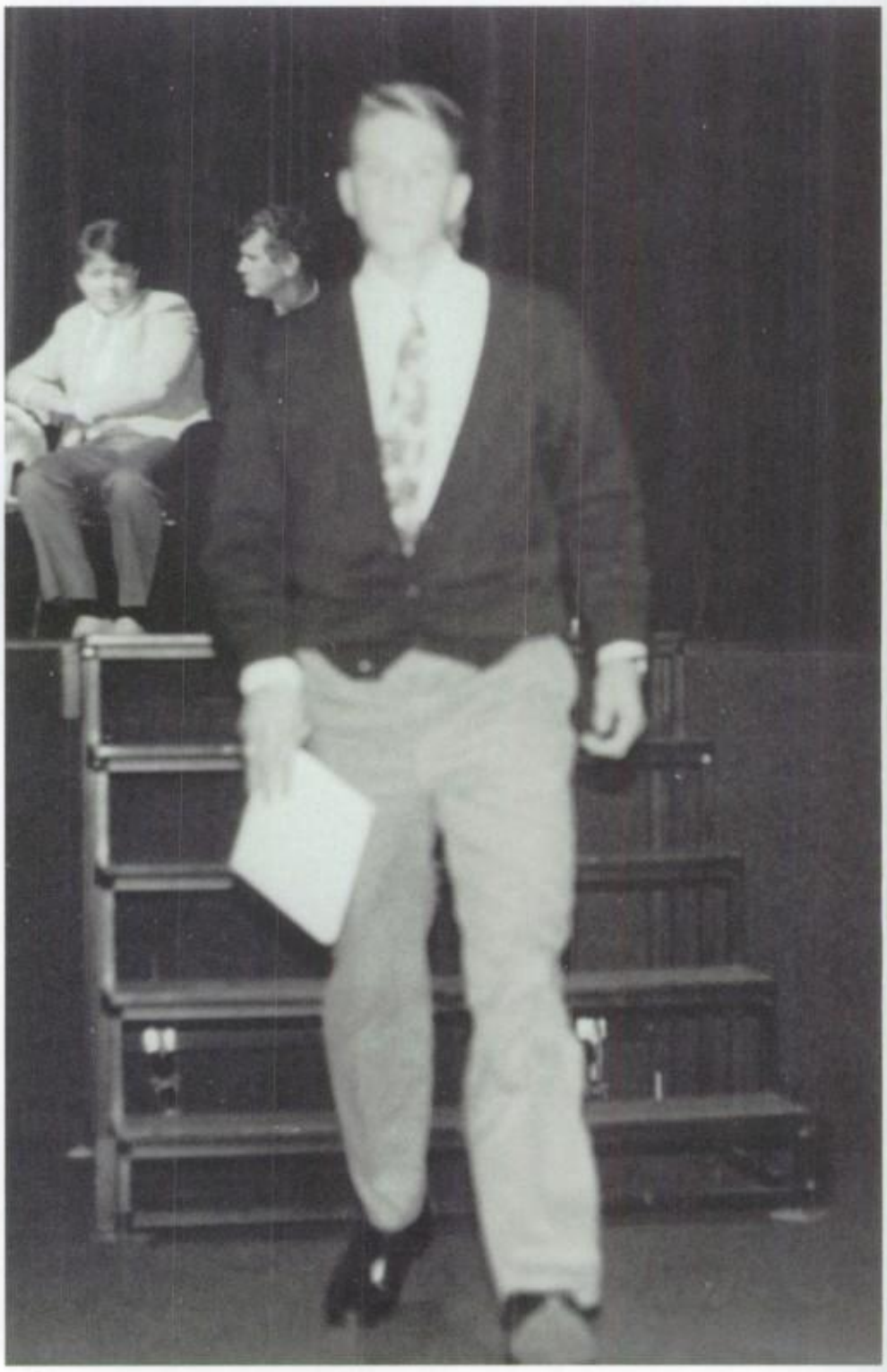
The dedicated team members provided their own golf clubs and transportation to practices and to games. Coach Lee Knupp made sure that the guys were in shape, knew the fundamentals of golf and could use their knowlege in a course unfamiliar to them. They practiced at the International Town and Country Club in Chantilly, where many of the games were played.

Both teams required accuracy and a sharp eye, which they had. They performed respectably and provided students with that most difficult task of all, the opportunity to compete against oneself.

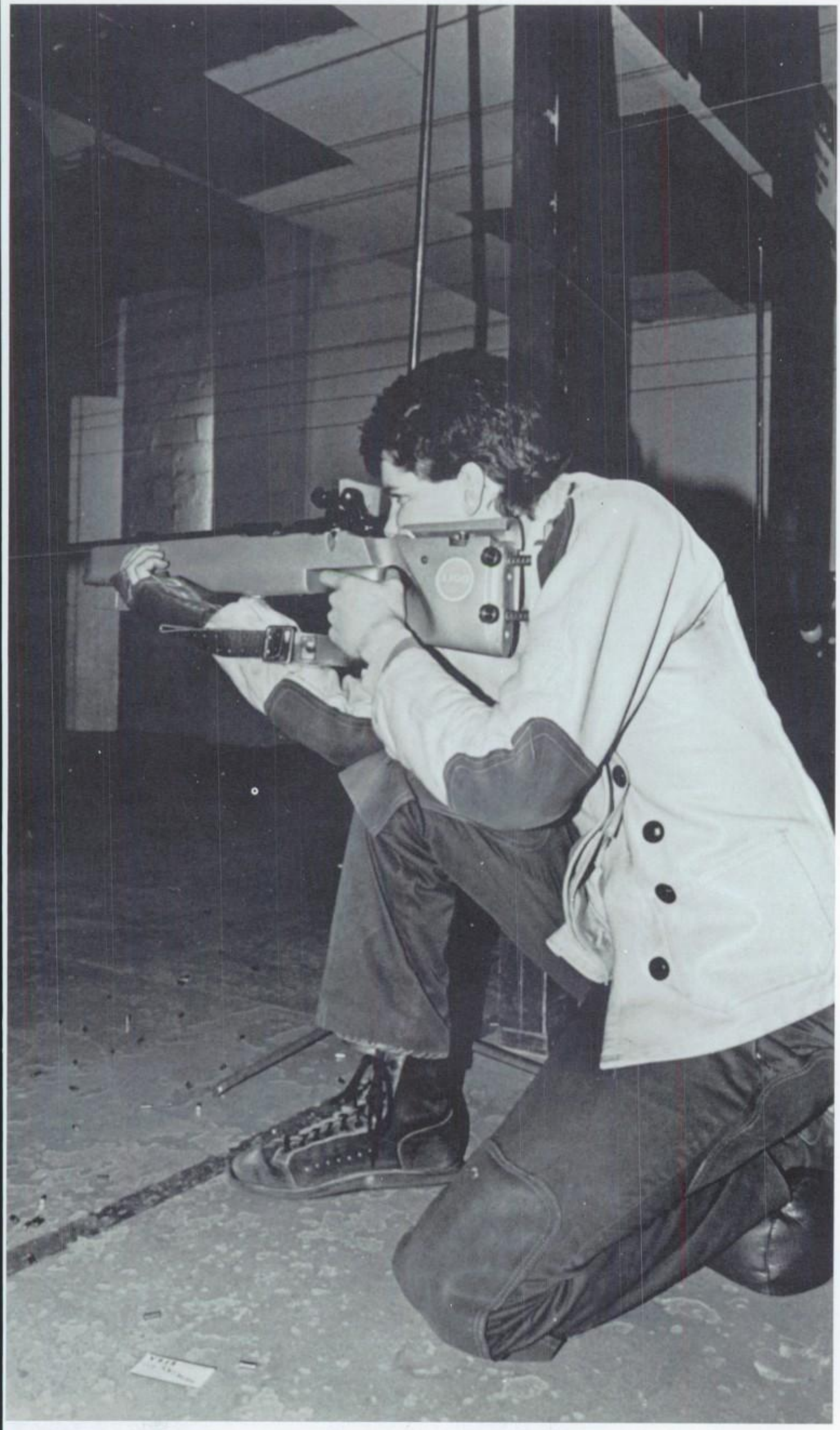
by Brian Gorges

Rifle team: Michael Bosco, Carl Kugler, Mark Kugler,Thomas Manor, Kirk McCullough, Kevin Mowry, Morgan Orceyre, Adam Price, Dan Rahe, William Whitworth.

Golf team: Eric Johansen, David McBride, Brian Messerli, Rob Pearce, John Schneider, Paul Singh, Jason Williams.



Form can mean a hole in one or a triple bogie in golf; receiver of the Most Valuable Player Award Brian Messerli practiced swinging the golf club before Fall Awards Night.



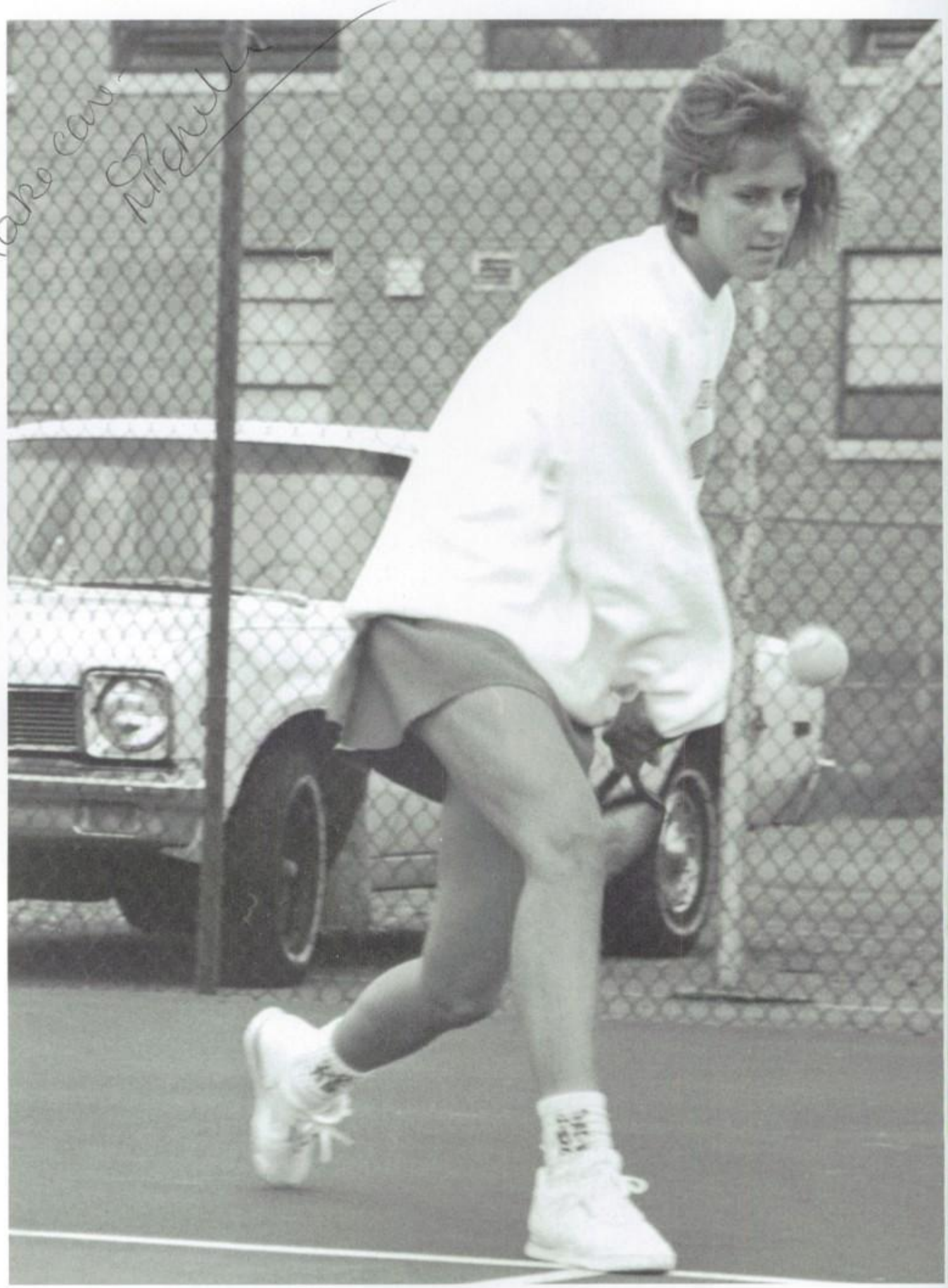
At an intense Rifle team meet, Mark Kugler takes careful aim and holds his arms steady before he pulls the trigger of the rifle.

Bill!
Computer
Science, well!
was interesting
should I say? I hope
you have a good, party
filled, summer & I
hope to "gossip"
more w/ you
like at the
pool! :)

Take care
CZ
Michelle

Megan Burski, Rhonda Conn, Kristy DeLeonardis, Michelle Dodds, Kara Farmelo, Katherine Gehman, Amy Heneghan, Michell Kladakis, Alison Oshinsky, Anna Overby, Tricia Popular, Kimberly Smith, Meaghan Sullivan, Nga Van, Susan Yoo; Sponsor: Ms. Barbara Rogers.

With good form and position, Megan Burski returns with a firing forehand.



Concentrating hard, Michelle Dodds prepares to hit a backhand over the net.

Sometimes, luck in love means not having it

Smashing For a Score

Although the Girls Tennis team lacked love, it certainly did not lack points. Coached by Ms. Barbara Rogers, the tennis team was very strong, in part due to the publicity from local newspapers, which caused more girls to try out. The Boys team also, which Mr. Gene Rembold coached, had many try out. Twelve veterans returned to assure that the Boys, too, would be low on love.

The girls played in the fall, the boys in spring. In the fall, Ms. Rogers said that she was overwhelmed, especially after winning six Districts championships in a row, two regionals and placing second in the Wakefield Tournament. This year Michelle Dodds, only a sophomore, took first place in the entire state. Other extraordinarily outstanding players included Alison Oshinsky, Megan Burski and Rhonda Conn.

Since the competition was so tough, simply getting on the team was an achievement. After playing on the team for two years, Kara Farmelo felt that being on the tennis team was a great experience, and explained, "Ms. Rogers was a very patient but stern coach and knew a lot about being on a tennis team."

The boys team, whose season was in the spring, played a competitive game. Thirty to forty boys tried out, but Mr. Rembold could only choose a few. They practiced for two hours twice a week, and played in matches the other three. Throughout the year, many took private lessons from special tennis instructors, and they played most weekends.

"I liked playing for the team, and it was very rewarding," said returning player David McBride. A rivalry among the top three players definitely existed, but it helped each to improve his game.

"Ms. Rogers was a very patient but stern coach and knew a lot about being on a tennis team."

State champion Michelle Dodds, the 10-0 Girls Tennis Team and the award winning Boys Tennis Team each proved that our tennis program was unbeatable.

By Jordonna Hoffman

Opponent		WTW
2	Lake Braddock	7
2	West Springfield	7
1	Oakton	7
1	Robinson	8
3	T.C. Williams	6
4	Lake Braddock	5
4	West Springfield	5
0	Oakton	9
0	Robinson	9
3	T.C. Williams	6

Reynold Harbin practices his mean serve that makes the others shiver in their shorts.

With intense concentration, Carlos Linares swings at a fast moving ball.

Although they started out behind, they didn't stay behind

Surpassing the Competition

A smaller but better cross country team raced through the autumn like a rocket. The seventeen girls and sixteen boys ran beween thirty and thirty-five, or sometimes even more, miles each week. The three mile dual meets were on Tuesday afternoons, and on some Saturdays, runners competed in invitational meets at places like Burke Lake, the College of William and Mary and at UVa against schools from all over Virginia.

To prepare for these races, Coach Matt Murray put the team through rigorous intervals workouts on Thursdays and Saturdays when there was no race. A workout consisted of running a specified distance, for instance a half mile, repeatedly at a specified target speed with a pre-determined amount of rest. On Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays they went on five to eight mile runs at "conversation pace."

These hard workouts and long distance runs paid off. The girls won third place in the state meet, an impressive achievement for a team whose number one runner, Kristin Halizak, sprained her ankle at the first meet of the season, the Athletic Director's Invitational at Burke Lake. The girls began the season about seventy-five miles behind last year's team because summer vacation plans interfered with a summer workout schedule.

"There were fewer superior runners...but a stronger pack."

As a result, it took them longer to peak, or reach their fastest possible times within a three month season. Nevertheless, the girls overcame these difficulties and brought home a trophy from the state meet at UVa.

The boys cross country team, which finished fifth in our extremely competitive district, needed to run an average of three six-minute miles in a row to qualify for the state meet. "There were fewer superior runners this year," said Coach Murray, "but a stronger than average pack."

Although racing was a highly individualistic endeavor, it would have been impossible were it not for supportive teammates cheering from the sidelines. Even during workouts team spirit and concern for other team members helped. After a particuarly tiring workout at Burke Lake on a chilly, damp Saturday in September, Senior Captain Scott Sheafe told the team, "Put on your dry shirts. You don't want to get sick."

People ran for the competition, the team spirit and the physical benefits. Mike Stuart explained, "I feel more healthy when I run." Captains Scott Sheafe and Keith George, Kristin Halizak and Denise Jordan, helped bring the cross country team together as a group of dedicated runners who had, in the words of Coach Murray, "... a desire to achieve potential."

by Terry Stryer

Opponent		WTW
40	West Springfield	19
33	T.C. Williams	22
29	T.C. Williams	47
48	Robinson	47
37	Lake Braddock	22
25	Oakton	30
Invitational Meets		
Athletic Directors: 8th place		
UVa: 17th place		
William and Mary: 11th place		
Georgetown Prep.: 12th place		
Northern District: 5th place		

As Scott Sheafe nears the end of a race on our cross country course, he concentrates on using good form so that he can run his fastest.

At the end of the Athletic Directors' Invitational at Burke Lake, Bill Horwitz sprints ahead of a Robinson runner.

Varsity runners Beth Miller, Jennifer Carrico and Vanessa Zeiner know that a well paced but strong start is important in a race. They stick together and encourage one another to run faster throughout the race.

Bottom row, left to right: Beth Miller, Heather Katcharian, Carrie Jones, Michele Holtmann, Terry Stryer; middle row: Mark Schroeder, Mike Crook, Jennifer Pollok,Denise Jordan, Melissa Stuart, Kristin Halizak, Jennifer Carrico, Jason Allen; top row: Rob Sloan, Travis Scarborough, Mike Stuart, Jeff Altman, Bill Horwitz, Keith George, Joe Romano, Joel Reichbart, Paul Welter; not pictured: Kristi Bahr, Tracy Concannon, Kristen Lopacinski, Lissy Saltzman, Julie Smith, Kathleen Bogan, Yoon Choi, Matthew Moyer, Scott Sheafe, Tripp Shumate.

Opponent		WTW
32	West Springfield	23
29	T.C. Williams	28
54	T.C. Williams	22
72	Robinson	72
45	Lake Braddock	17
15	Oakton	45

Invitational Meets

Athletic Directors': 4th place
UVa: 3rd place
William and Mary: 1st place
Georgetown Prep.: 4th place
Northern District: 2nd place
Northern Region: 2nd place
State: 3rd place

Strength and stamina start students

Hurdling Over Obstacles

Wearing two pairs of running tights, a t-shirt, two sweatshirts, mittens, a hat and a scarf, any member of the Indoor Track team could be seen trudging through the snow brought by the January and November storms. Wearing a tanktop and a pair of shorts, drenched in sweat, a member of the Spring Track team could be seen gasping through the humidity. Some of the most important members of the track team, however, did not race. They jumped, vaulted and threw for points at meets. The field events people, too, braved the extreme weather conditions on runs to stay in shape.

The field events were some high lights in the Indoor season. Garret Lydic qualified for the state meet in the pole vault and high jump early, and Aaron Starosta qualified for the long jump with twenty one feet, three quarters of an inch. Lane Clopper won every meet he was in with his far-flung shot put. Wendy Bellinger, a girl shot putter, inspired the other girls to work hard with her outstanding performances.

It proved to be a watershed season for the Indoor Track team; the boys finished with a four and four record, and ended up fourth in our extremely competitive district. The captains Garret Lydic, Bill Ko, Keith George, Scott Sheafe, Juli Speights and Kristen Halizak brought the team together into a cohesive group. According to Coach Matt Murray, the long distance coach, "The team displayed an extraordinary amount of team spirit toward the end, cheering on teammates, being more concerned about the team than individual events."

"You can't do what the coach tells you. You have to do more."

This concern about the team manifested itself in runners' willingness to try new events. In many places, the team lacked depth, a strong second line of runners behind the varsity who could take the second, third, fourth and fifth places. Coach Murray said, "We overcame this by moving people around into events they might not have otherwise run." Sprinting and field events Coach Craig Davis added, "There was at least one good athlete in every event...we mainly tried to improve the second line of runners."

Some specific people, most of whom ran Spring Track, too, really gave the team an extra push to win meets. Juli Speights won sixth place at the George Mason University Invitational in the 500 meters, and competed at the spring State Meet in the 800 meter run. The girls two mile relay of Juli Speights, Kristen Halizak, Lissy Saltzman and Kelly Mumford also had high standing. Lisa Schulien in the 300 meters, Kristen Halizak the 1000, Kelly Mumford in the 500, Lissy Saltzman in the two mile and Melissa Stuart in the mile held other key positions for the girls. Keith George in the 1000, meters, Bill Horwitz in the mile, Aaron Starosta in the 500 and hurdler David Hemmings gave the guys points outside of the field events area. David explained his success as a runner, "You can't do what the Coach tells you. You have to do more."

Spring Track brought some new blood, including jumper Byron Jenkins. Coach Davis said that the Spring Track runners kept improving their times, the field events stayed good and "Our kids were stronger."

By Terry Stryer

At an Indoor Track Meet at Episcopal High School, Joel Reichbart starts his pole vault.

Indoor Track Team: Jeff Altman, Scott Chesrough, Lane Clopper, Brian Criste, Andy Criswell, Michael Crook, Jim Fink, Pat Fink, William George, Joseph Gill, James Hawkins, David Hemmings, Sovanna Hiep, Bill Horwitz, Thomas Hoyler, William Hummer, Stephen Iannucci, Keith Irwin, William Klause, Bill Ko, Huy Le, Garret Lydic, Jorge Mestre, David Molseed, Richard Phillips, Shawn Porter, Joel Reichbart, JoeRomano, Mike Scarborough, Travis Scarborough, Mark Schroeder, Scott Sheafe, Robert Shields, Trip Shumate, Aron Starosta, Mike Stuart, Paul Welter; Michele Bahler, Kristin Bautz, Wendy Bellinger, Charndra Calhoun, Deborah Colver, Kristin Copeland, Gabriella Esser, Kara Farmelo, Catherine Flaherty, Anne-Marie Galdo, Kristen Halizak, Michele Holtmann, Cyndi Houghton, Denise Jordan, Brandis Leonard, Tess Meyer, Lisa Michaelas, Beth Miller, Kelly Mumford, Christine Ogden, Jode Osborn, Jennifer Pollok, Kelly Ryan, Lissy Saltzman, Becky Smith, Lisa Schulien, Juli Speights, Terry Stryer, Melissa Stuart, Beth Winston, Melissa Wuebker. Coaches: Mr. Craig Davis, Mr. Matt Murry, Mr. James Patteson, Coach Crash; Mr. Mike Sullivan (spring).

Boys		
Opponent		WTW
75	Lake Braddock	34
36	West Springfield	34
65	Lake Braddock	25
58	T.C. Williams	25
52	T.C. Williams	52
24	West Springfield	56

Spring Track training began in late February, when the temperatures were low. Michele Bahler and Chris Lopacinski practice relay exchanges.

Girls		
Opponent		WTW
81	Lake Braddock	26
29	T.C. Williams	26
49	West Springfield	64
15	Oakton	64
55	West Springfield	45
10	T.C. Williams	45
62	West Springfield	52
15	T.C. Williams	52

Since the Track team was smaller, many people doubled up or tried new events. Garret Lydic, usually a pole vaulter and high jumper, practices hurdling in the spring.

After school comes a cool dip in the pool

Flying to the Finish

"The Woodson team had a lot of spirit and unity," said diver Dana Schlossberg. All of the members of the Swim and Dive team contributed to this feeling by working well together.

Fifty-five athletes comprised the team. Captains Bill Armstrong, Celeste Cordova, Kyle Koontz, Kristin Kunstel and Kiki Steinberg led the ten divers and forty-five swimmers, with the expert coaching of Mrs. Sue Kunihiro and Mr. Stefan Mickodem, to victory.

With practices twice a day from Monday to Thursday, the team was ready to compete with other schools on Fridays for meets. Practices lasted for one hour at Wakefield Park, where they swam many laps or practiced various dives in hopes of coming in first place in each of the seven meets. The work paid off, for the team did very well at meets such as the ODU Invitational, in which the boys took first place and the girls took second.

"The Woodson team had a lot of spirit and unity."

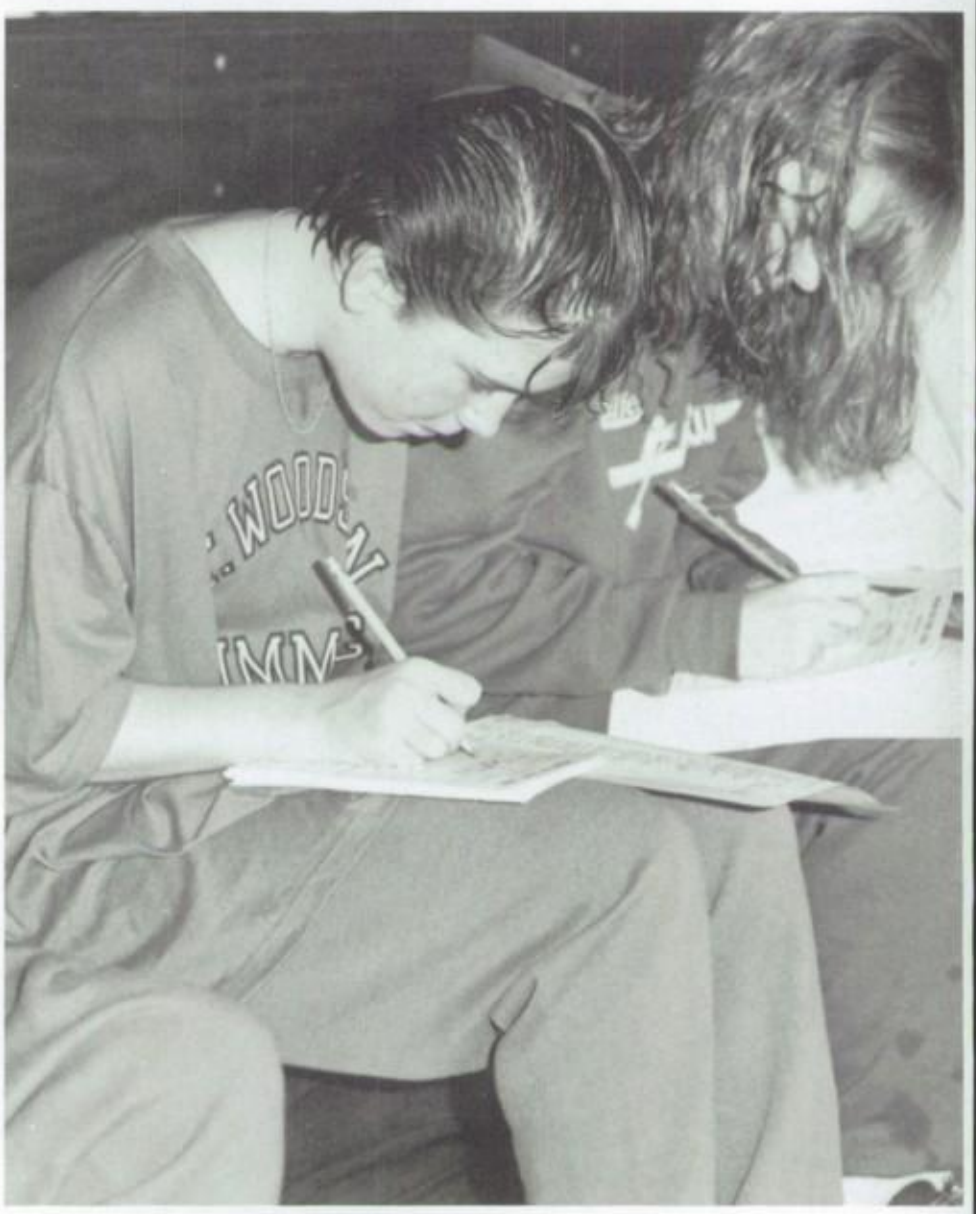
"The spirit of the team encouraged me to do my best," said swimmer Kathy Suh. The spirit of competition combined with hard work led the Swimming and Diving team to the top.

By Mindy Gampel

Boys		Girls
L	West Springfield	W
W	T.C. Williams	W
W	Oakton	W
L	Lake Braddock	W
W	Robinson	L

While concentrating on his form, a diver executes a difficult backward dive.

Worn out after her race, Kara Wuebker and a teammate discuss the meet.



Pam McMains and Allison McCurdy hurry to complete their score cards.

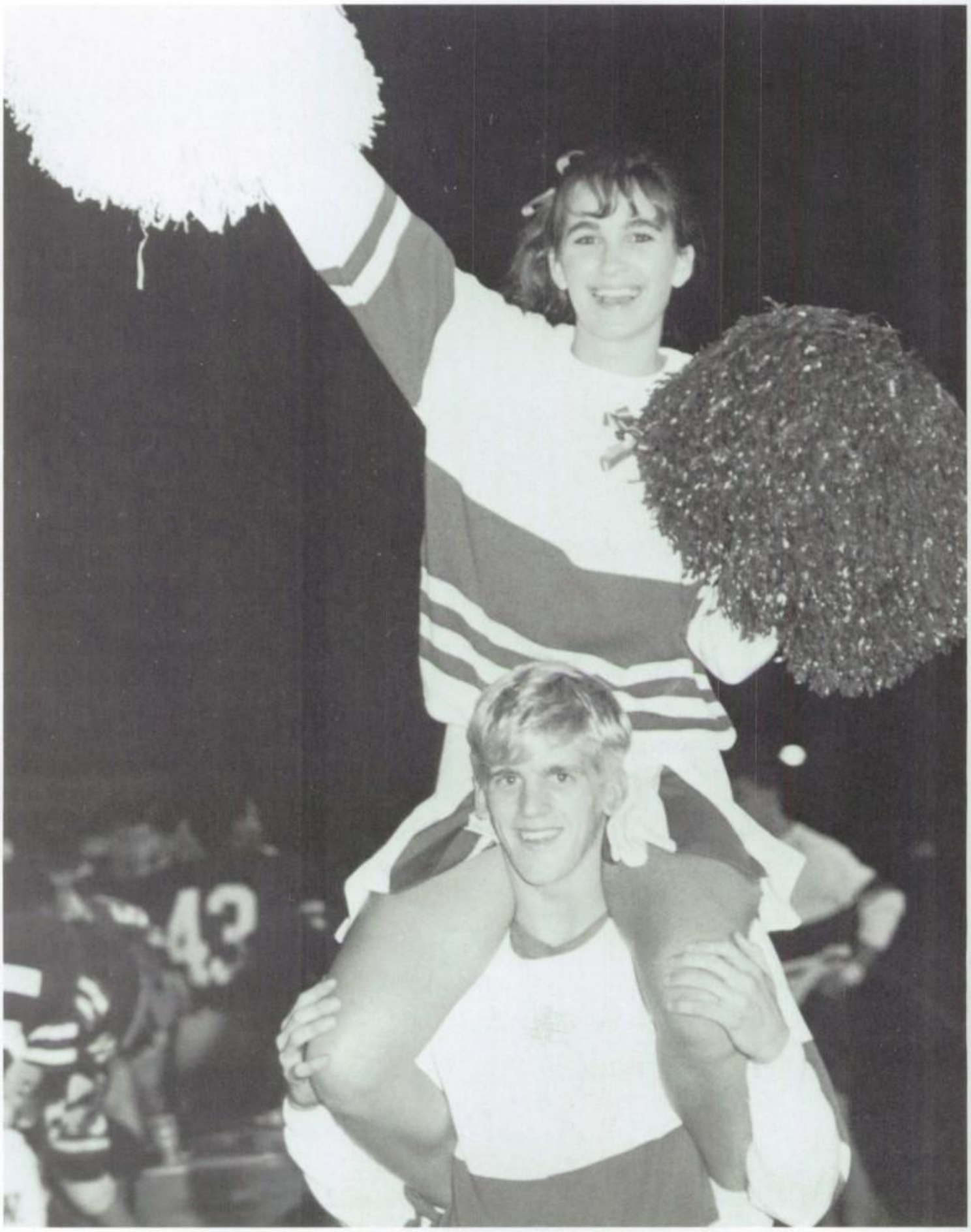
Swimmers: Mark Ackerman, Robin Alexander, John Anderson, Bill Armstrong, Cat Ashton, Steve Barnes, Anne Brzonkala, Scott Burton, Bobby Clickner, Mike Denkinger, T.D. Dittemore, Diane Egede-Nissen, Jenny Griffith, Stephanie Hagopian, Meghan Hall, Amber Hancock, Dave Jolley, Colleen Kearney, Matt Keough, John Kern, Kyle Koontz, Dave Koplan, Tim Kunihiro, Kristin Kunstel, Brett Lackey, Scott Lenzmeir, Chris McAllister, Jon McAllister, Tara McArdle, Allison McCurdy, Suzie McGrath, Pam McMains, Jason Nichols, Brian Piccioni, Deborah Rosenkranz, Dana Schnore, Jeff Schnore, Kiki Steinberg, Kathy Suh, Greg Tennant, Anne Westfall, Mark Woody, Kara Wuebker, John Zampino, Vanessa Zeiner.
Divers: Rob Blakeman, Tom Blakeman, Celeste Cordova, Guy Sandin, Dana Scholssberg, Justin Smith, Deanne Stolte, David Swindells, Dan Young, Lea Ziobro.

Approaching the finish line in a butterfly race, the fastest stroke, a Woodson swimmer strives for victory.

Varsity cheerleaders, back row: Leah Gutensohn, Christine Griffey, Frank(ie Fresh) Brennon, Mark (Jamima) Thompson, Randee Williams, Ellen Bruns, Sue DeGavre; Middle: Celeste Cordova, Beth Winston, Christie Yang, Jennie Hontz, Kristen LaMorte, Jea Han; Front: Shannon Cake, Vicki Meginley, Cindy Hite; Sponsor: Ms. Cathy Shelton.

Sarah Wascalus sits at the top of the pyramid the freshman cheerleaders form at a pep rally.

Cheering a familiar cheer, Jenny Hontz helps enliven the spectators at a football game.



Lifting Kristen LaMorte in the air, Frank Brennon proves that guys can be cheerleaders. This year was the first year that Woodson had male cheerleaders; they helped make the girls' routines more exciting with more acrobatics.

New additions to the cheerleading squad

Lifting School Spirit

"This is the best year the squad has ever had," said varsity cheerleading coach Ms. Cathy Shelton. They practiced hard and excelled in their new moves, routines and flexibilty.

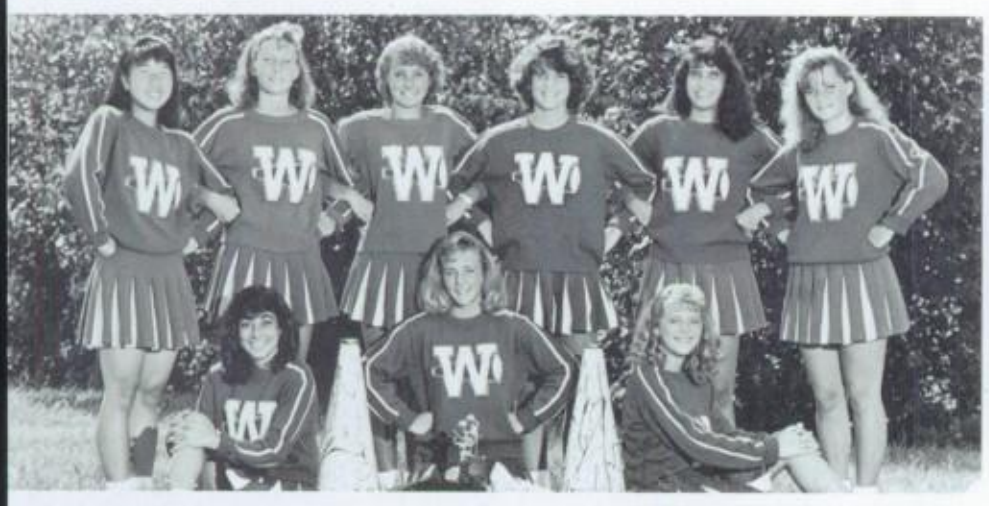
Eighteen girls and three guys made up the varsity squad, which practiced for two hours, two days a week in the fall. They had practiced all summer, too, jumping, throwing, being thrown, catching and being caught. "You had to practice a lot and work really hard. But it was fun!" said Vicki Meginley, captain. The three new additions, Mark Thompson, Randy Williams and Frank Brennon assisted the girls with difficult and exciting throws and lifts. They sent Shannon Cake high into the air, making halftime at football games almost as exciting as the actual game. Mark Thompson explained why he and the other guys wanted to cheer. "Spirit was lacking at Woodson, and we wanted to raise it, and we had a good time doing it."

"Spirit was lacking at Woodson, and we wanted to raise it, and we had a great time doing it."

The thirteen JV cheerleaders, coached by Ms. Penny Hathaway, really outdid themselves this fall. Debbie Houry said, "It was a lot of fun . The action was great, and you had to help people get revved up with a lot of spirit."

The new freshman squad, also coached by Ms. Hathaway, worked hard for good performances at freshman football games. Ashley Kelloff commented, "It was good exercize, you met new people and it was a lot of fun."

By Sasha Hennessy



JV cheerleaders (upper left), Back row: Deborah Kim, Jessica Leiberman, Stacy Herrington, Vashti Leonard, Shannon Bell, Natalie Rogers; Front: Debbie Houry, Kari Whitworth, Lisa Albright; Not pictured: Erin Frey, Jennifer DiBella, Tyler Reemlin, Sara Mercado. Freshman cheerleaders, Back row: Cathy English, Kristi Jeffery, Ashley Kelloff, Sarah Wascalus, Stefani Sydnor; Front: Randee Young, Christine Ischer, Carrie Cayton, Leslie Willson; Not pictured: Stephanie Lamreaux, Julie Ferris, Jennifer Kersten; Sponsor: Ms. Penny Hathaway.

At Freshman Orientation, JV cheerleaders Erin Frey, Sara Mercado, Shannon Bell, and Natalie Rogers rouse the crowd into a spirited mood.

Smiling, keeping in step, performing

Dancing In Procession

Throughout the school year, the Precisionettes practiced long, hard hours and, according to sponsor Ms. Diane McCauley, "This year's team had a lot of talent and they did very well."

Although Ms. McCauley coached the Precisionettes, she did not choreograph the routines. Heather Perrine and Margie Arrivillaga were the backbones of the unique and graceful routines that the girls performed.

The squad of twenty-seven energetic Precisionettes definitely kept the audience in spirit during half time of the football and basketball games. Precisionette Shanna Busman said, "When a routine goes really well out on the field, the hard work pays off."

"When a routine goes really well, the hard work pays off."

Not only did they perform at games, but they also competed. They traveled to the University of Maryland, performed at nursing homes and marched in parades.

Besides looking good in a short skirt, they had to spend time to perfect their routines. The girls practiced every day after school for two hours and during the summer for three hours in the mornings. But that was not all it took. "You also have to have the ability to dance, cover up any mistakes and of course, smile," explained Tita Nguyen.

by Jordonna Hoffman

Precisionettes practice smiling while they perform. Lori Rhapson shows her pearly whites as she moves in perfect step.

Abby McNulty leads the Precisionettes in a routine.

Front row, left to right: Heather Perrine, Kristin Talley, Jennifer Kohut, Liz Petrolak, Lori Rhapson, Natalie Shepherd, Abby McNulty; second: Meagan Donahue, Lisa Falsetti, Kristen Eizenhofer, Tricia Flemming, Jennifer Ozimina, Valerie Smith; third row: Kimberly Stacy, Tita Nguyen, Helen Moss, Alie Wechler, Jennfier Tavacol, Sara Bough. Not pictured: Margie Arrivillaga, Jenny Boehm, Shanna Busman, Sandra Lubkeman, Natasha Moore, Rosie Tupper, Jenny Lapp, Charlotte Kidd.

Marching in the Homecoming Parade, Natalie Shepherd, Jenny Boehm, and the other Precisionettes entertain onlookers.

Dominating the district

High Flying

The Varsity Girls basketball team lived by the motto "Richmond or Bust." The team began the season with high hopes of going all the way to the state tournament. "At the start of the year we set our goals as winning our Christmas tournament and then winning the District, Regional and State title," said team captain Nancy Stengel.

Led by high scorer Wendy Shaltis, the girls placed as high as seventh in the metro area. "I think the highlight of our year was when we beat Lake Braddock by one point after they were undefeated and reigned number one in the metro area," said guard Sharon Smith.

The team spent many hours practicing under the watchful eye of Head Coach Harold Stuart. "Our practices were really tough and Coach Stuart pushed us, but we knew that he cared and practicing hard together made us a really unified team," said Sharon.

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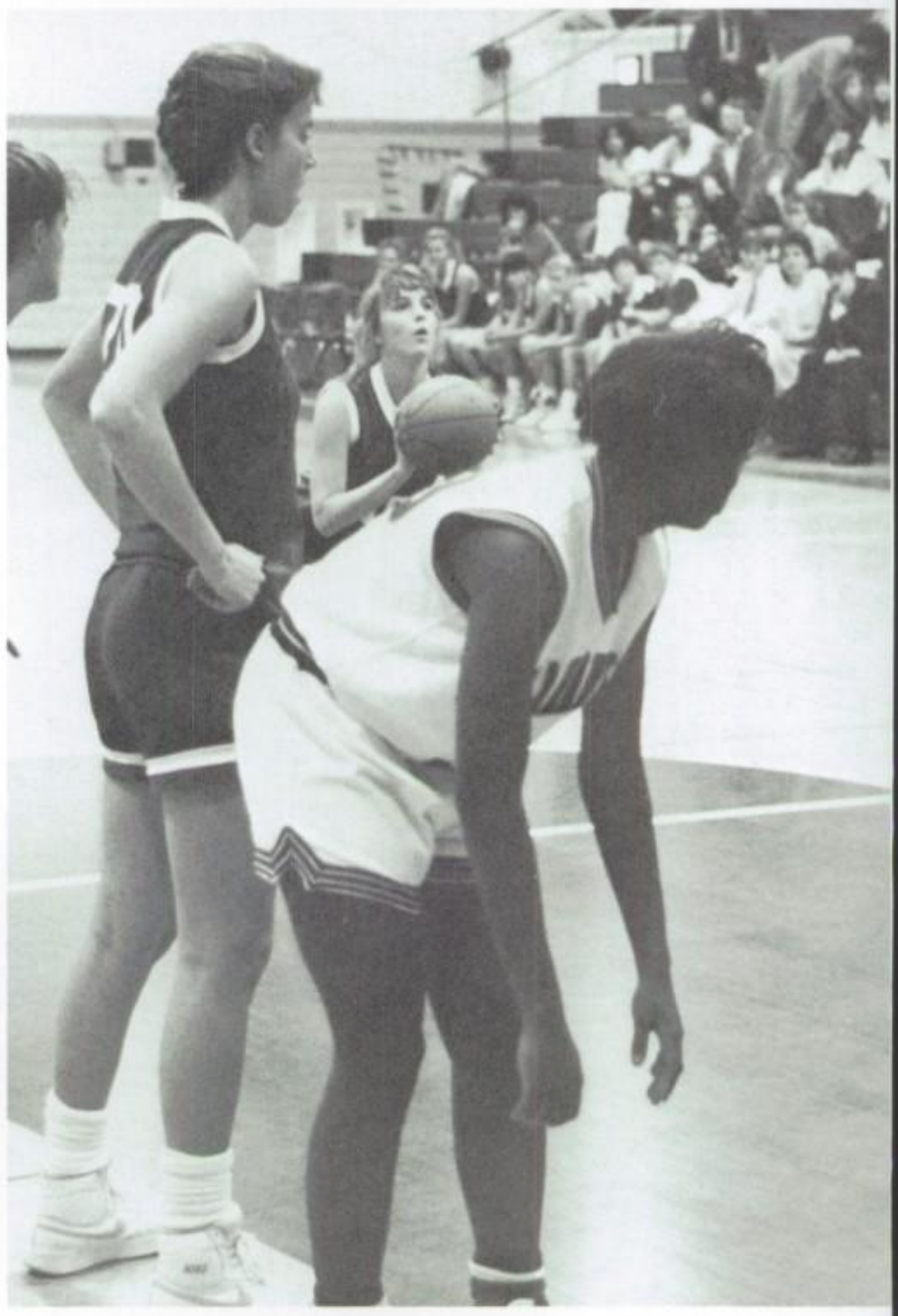
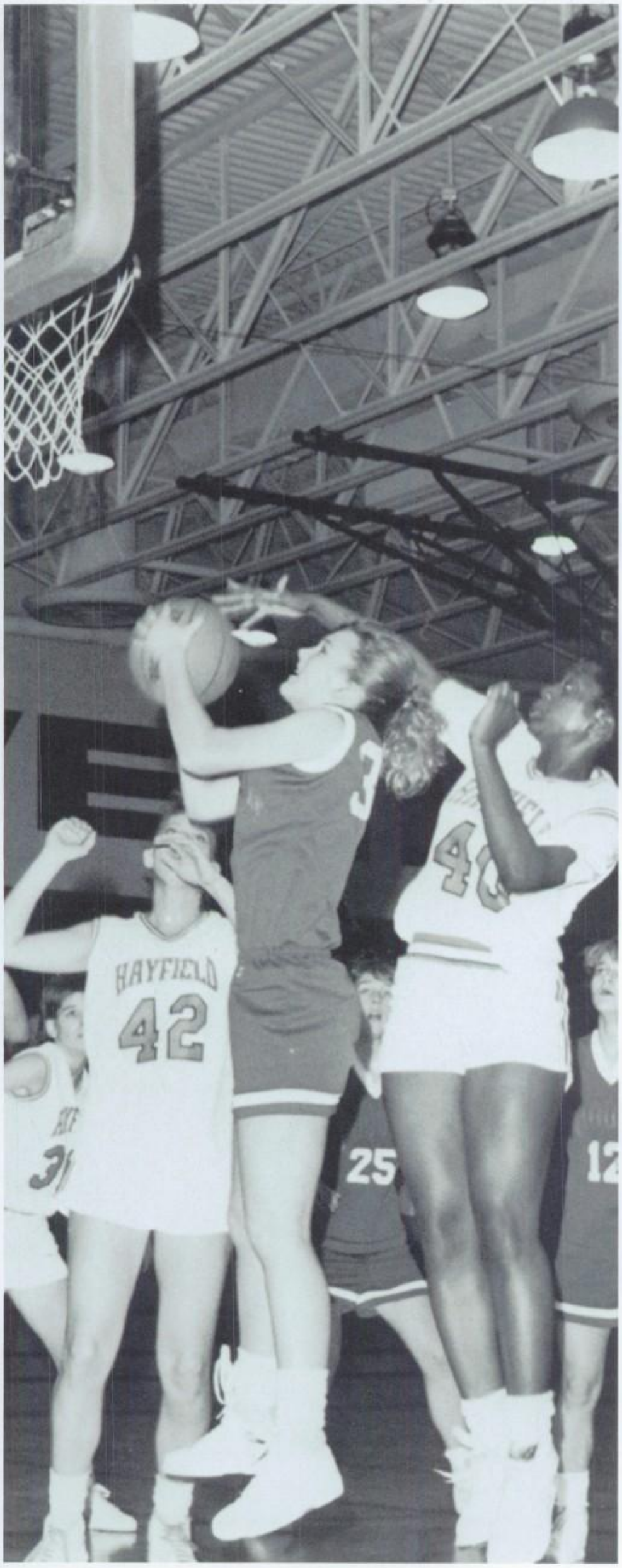
By Laura Barchi



Concentration shows in the face of guard Sharon Smith as she prepares to shoot a foul shot. Wendy Shaltis gets ready to rebound the ball, if Sharon should miss.

Wendy Shaltis goes up for a shot as Kristen Lewandowki and Nancy Stengel help her out (opposite page).

As a player from Hayfield tries to prevent her from scoring any points, Kate Shaw goes up for a shot.



Point Guard Nancy Stengel uses her well practiced skills to dribble around an opposing player.

Front row: Wendy Shaltis, Nancy Stengel, Sharon Smith,Kathy Rinaldi. Back row: Anne May (asst coach), Katy Nordenbrook, Kate Shaw, Jennifer Ryan, Nicole Bashaw,Kristen Lewandosi, Sharon Murphy, Karleen Lydic, Debbie Weisman, Harold Stuart (coach).

Opponent		WTW
37	Herndon	61
56	Langley	64
36	South Lakes	54
40	Madison	67
55	Annandale	53
38	Mt. Vernon	56
53	Lake Braddock	55
35	Lee	50
48	T.C. Williams	63
35	Hayfield	60
61	Oakton	55
37	West Springfield	51
57	Robinson	66
57	Lake Braddock	62
48	T.C. Williams	63
50	Oakton	54
43	West Springfield	68
58	Robinson	56

Looking for win number 400

Shootin' Hoop

Coach Red Jenkins was the only Varsity Boys basketball coach this school had ever had. During his twenty sixth season, the team approached its four hundredth win.

The lack of experience of most of the players proved to be a block on their road to success, but they never let anything stop them. The team developed into a cohesive unit in February. This cohesion was the objective, since the team was quite young, and less accustomed to playing together.

Coach Jenkins was pleased with the overall performance of the team. They lost some close games early, but they kept on going.

Senior Joe Crabill and junior Mark Bouck were the captains, who led the rest of the young team. Only three Seniors returned to play this year: Shawn Mullen, Brian Craddock and Joe Crabill. The rest were juniors.

"The team had a great attitude, and I was impressed how hard they worked to improve," said Coach Jenkins. Joe Crabill summed up the year by saying, "The juniors gained a lot of experience this year, so they can better themselves next year."

By Brian Gorges

"The team had a great attitude, and I was impressed how hard they worked to improve."

Len Silvia scores an easy two points.

Opponent		WTW
49	Herndon	48
39	Langley	37
70	South Lakes	65
70	Madison	52
70	Annandale	51
62	Mt. Vernon	55
85	Lake Braddock	67
74	Lee	59
96	T.C. Williams	71
67	Hayfield	55
85	Oakton	99
51	West Springfield	47
56	Robinson	65
80	Lake Braddock	50
76	T.C. Williams	62
60	Oakton	63
60	West Springfield	69

Front row: Kristine Mahler (trainer), Danis Urban (mgr), William Weaver, Joe Crabill, Mark Bouck, Shawn Mullen, Mike O'Connor, Sarah Smith (mgr). Back row: Red Jenkins (coach), Len Silvia, Brian Cradock, Daren Gleason, Scott Bishopp, John Hartingh, Chris Brown, Rob Fitzpatrick, Matthew Manning. Not pictured: Laura Barchi (mgr).

During a time out, Coach Jenkins instructs his team on the game strategy.

Len Silvia (14) watches as Joe Crabill (20) and Scott Bishopp (42) struggle for the rebound.

Opponent		WTW
56	Herndon	47
46	Langley	64
71	South Lakes	70
72	Madison	76
52	Annandale	50
43	Mt. Vernon	44
76	Lake Braddock	66
59	Lee	63
56	T.C. Williams	54
41	Robinson	57
54	Hayfield	66
39	Oakton	40
44	West Springfield	40
67	Robinson	73
75	Lake Braddock	45

Fast breaks are part of the JV girls team strategy. DeEtte Daniels drives the lane, hoping to get an easy two points.

Back: Beth Jones, Kelley White, Jenny Egan, Abby Smith, Angie Lingle, Jill VonKuegelgen, DeEtte Daniels, Carrie Thomas, Kim MacKey, Doug Fulton (coach); Front: Becca Peters, Lara Cegala, Kerri Withers, Yvonne Bashaw.

After obtaining an offensive rebound, Abby Smith shoots a basket while the other team tries to block her shot.

Aiming for the height:

Shooting For Perfection

The junior varsity girls and guys basketball teams both had successful and exciting seasons. Both teams had fairly new coaches, Coach Brown and Coach Fulton, so the players had to learn to adjust to new coaching techniques.

The girls really outdid themselves. They were originally predicted to have a bad season, but they turned that all around! "Coach was really hard working," said Angie Lingle. She continued, "He pushed hard, but it was all for the better." Angie and Jill Von Kuegelgen agreed, "basketball took up a lot of time, but it was fun."

The guys gave their best shot too. Apparently everybody was panic-stricken when Ryan Hickey was promoted to the Varsity team, but his absence made the guys work harder and brought them closer as a team. Amusing moments were hard to come by in a serious and exhausting sport like basketball, but Doug Newstrom had a good anecdote. "We had a tough practice and it was time to go home. Coach told us to run up and touch the rim on the way out. Everyone could but one player; and it was almost impossible for him to reach, so some of the guys lifted him up so that he could."

"It was close all the way through . . . and we ended up winning by nine points!"

Jeff Miller decided his most exciting game was against West Springfield. "It was close all the way through and we went into double overtime...and we ended up winning by nine points!"

New coaches and all, the junior varsity basketball teams rounded out with good seasons. They won some, and they lost some, but all was fair in the game of basketball, and that, to players, was a game of life.

By Karen House

Opponent		WTW
56	Herndon	47
46	Langley	64
71	South Lakes	70
72	Madison	76
52	Annandale	50
43	Mt. Vernon	44
76	Lake Braddock	66
59	Lee	63
56	T.C. Williams	54
54	Hayfield	66
39	Oakton	40
40	West Springfield	44
67	Robinson	73
75	Lake Braddock	45
56	T.C. Williams	52
49	Oakton	48
67	West Springfield	57
41	Robinson	57

Out of reach of her opponent, Angie Lingle takes a short jump shot.

Back: C. Smith (mgr.), Jeff Miller, Brian Fox,Matt Elder, Joe Healey, Doug Newstron, Scott Silvia, Suzanne Blanchfield (mgr.), Sandra Roth (mgr.); Front: Tom Hamilton, Pete Kovacs,David Taylor, Andrew Lockhart, Chad Leesman, Todd Whisnant, Ryan Hockey, Terry Brown (coach).

Taking careful aim, remembering practicing

Sinking an Open Shot

For the Freshman Boys Basketball Team, this year began a good thing. Each player had expectations of what playing on a high schol team would be like, from becoming a better player to having fans cheer him on during games.

They practiced after school each day, perfecting techniques and reviewing different points of the game next door at Robert Frost Intermediate School. Preparing for their big games against West Springfield High School and George Washington High School was a difficult task; Coach Marshall Jefferson and the team spent much time going over different areas of the opposing teams' abilities and weaknesses so they would not be caught by surprise during the games. Tim Nee and John Howland, two team members, said, "There were so many exciting games [this season], it would be hard to choose just one as the most exciting."

As the season progressed, the team became more united. Without this unity, they would not have succeeded.

"There were so many exciting games [this season], it would be hard to choose just one as the most exciting."

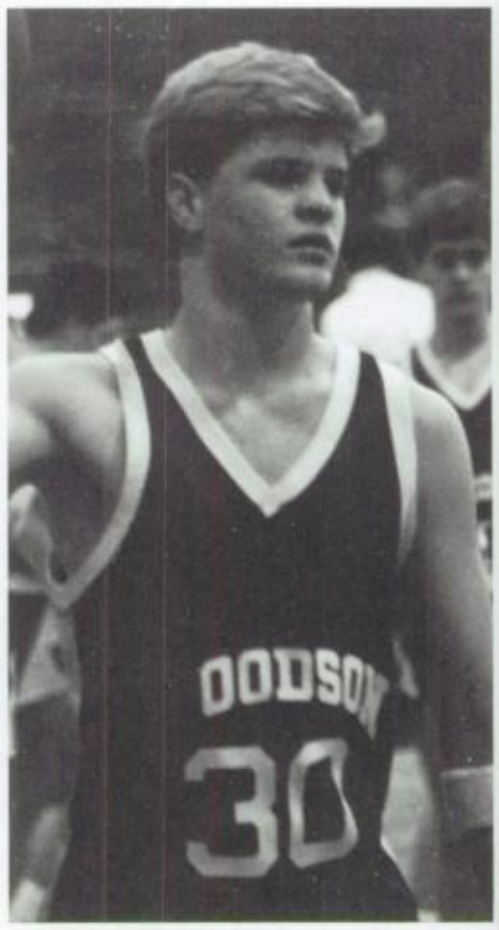
They needed time to get used to playing together, but in the end their winning record proved their ability to work as a team.

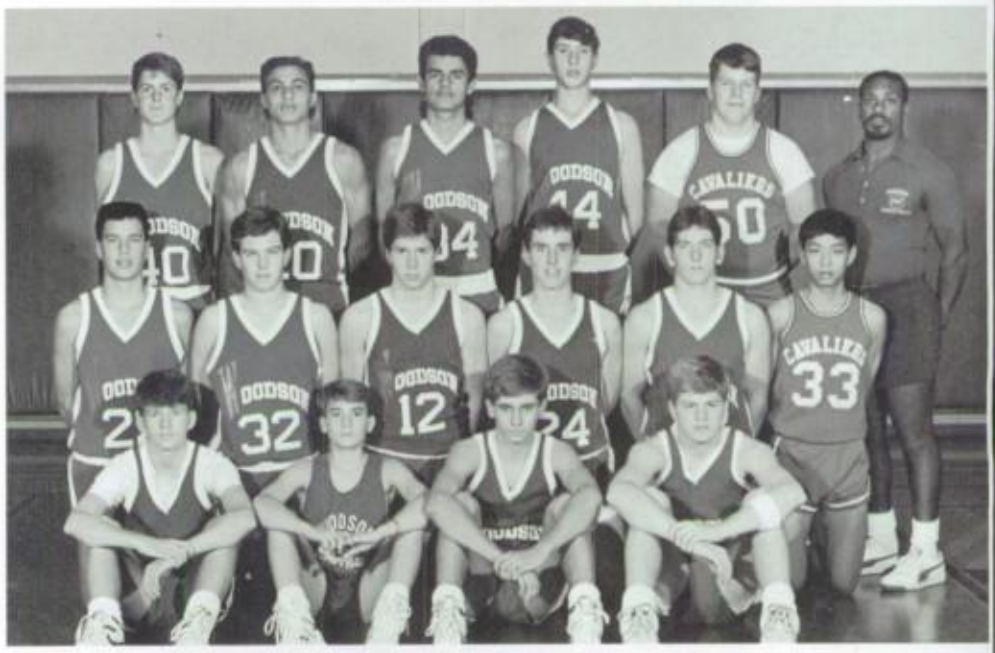
The freshman cheerleaders helped the basketball team get psyched for games. They gave moral support to the team and they excited the spirits of the fans.

After school, the freshmen cheerleaders practiced cheers and made locker tags to support their team. Captain Cathy English and co-captain Carrie Cayton kept the squad on its toes about new cheers and game dates. Jennifer Kersten explained the job of the freshman cheerleading squad as, "to cheer on the freshman teams."

By Aliza Seelig

John Howland seeks an open man to pass the ball to.





Back row: Brian Cesca, Jim Ghannon,Jason Love, Joe Adams, Chris Brady, Marshall Jefferson (coach); Middle: Ryan McCollum, Mike Woolever, Tim Ne, Andrew Heisley, Hoang Le, Travis Deathridge; Front:Paul Hickey, David Hartingh (capt.), John Howland; Not pictured: Omar Motowakel.

After practicing all week on just such a shot, Ryan McCollum aims to sink the ball.

Freshmen cheerleaders impress the crowd with their performance.

Opponent		WTW
53	Mount Vernon	51
51	Edison	62
38	Hayfield	51
78	George Washington	63
51	Mount Vernon	53
40	Lake Braddock	66
42	Lee	57
63	Hammond	40
50	Hayfield	58
56	Oakton	78
71	West Springfield	68
53	Robinson	84
44	Lake Braddock	64
43	Hammond	54
53	Oakton	89
58	West Springfield	62
52	Robinson	61
80	George Washington	64

Back row: Ceslie Willson, Christy Jeffery, Ashley Kellof, Sarah Wascalus, Randee Young; Middle: Christine Ischer, Stefane Sydnor, Jennifer Kersten, Stephanie Lamoreaux; Front: Carrie Cayton (co-capt.), Cathy English (captain); Ms. Penny Hathaway, sponsor.

Cheerleaders raise school spirit

Rooting For the Home Team

The Winter Cheerleaders, who roused the crowds for basketball games and wrestling matches, jumped and cheered with a variety of routines for the winter sports. The varsity and junior varsity squads worked hard during the season by practicing long hours,cheering at the basketball games and wrestling matches, and entertaing the crowd to keep their spirits up.

Ms. Cathy Shelton, who coached the girls, kept the cheerleaderrs on their toes and always moving with the beat. "The squads really improved and made this year a great one," she said proudly.

New members joined the varsity cheerleaders, enabling the squad to split in half, so that one could cheer for basketball and the other for wrestling. The junior varsity squad divided its members between wrestling and basketball, too.

"Cheerleading for any sport took commitment. It took up a lot of your spare time, but it was worth it."

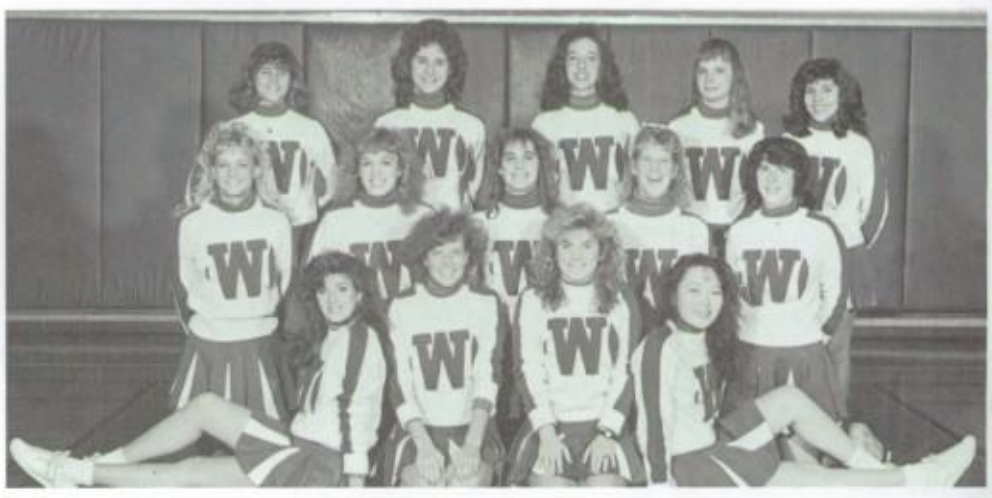
Wrestling varsity squad captains Vicki Nelms and Laura Debus encouraged their teammates to practice and make every move correctly. Laura Miller, one of the new varsity cheerleaders, said, "As a cheerleader, I have learned a lot about an exciting and interesting team sport that I thought I could never get interested in or involved with."

The varsity basketball cheerleaders went to basketball games on Tuesdays and Fridays. Captains Leah Gutensohn and Christine Griffey, and co-captains Megan Morra and Kristen LaMorte led the other varsity basketball cheerleaders to jump and cheer to the best of their abilities and to have fun on the court.

The junior varsity cheerleaders concentrated on different cheers and moves for the winter season. Stacey Herrington and Erin Frey, captains, and Lisa Albright and Shannon Bell, co-captains, were examples for the other members of the squad of spirit. Tyler Remlin, a JV cheerleader, said, "It was exciting and suspenseful while cheering for the basketball team. It really got you worked up!"

Both varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders made the winter sports more lively and exciting for the players and the audience.

By Sasha Hennessy



Varsity basketball cheerleaders (above): Back row: Jea Han, Cindy Helper, Tiffany Simmons, Tricia Popular, Joy Wells, Marie Hooshmand; Middle: Jenny Hontz, Christie Yang, Angie Albright, Jennie Beck, Beth Winston, Shannon Cake; Front: Megan Morra (co-capt.), Leah Gutensohn (capt.), Christine Griffey (capt.), Kristen La Morte (co-capt.).
Varsity wrestling cheerleaders (above right): Back row: Diane Cruce, Kris Lopacinski, Krissy Hoffman, Noelle Dattilo, Lisa Berk; Middle: Shelly Gubanich, Donna Livingston, Angie Boies, Laura Miller, Laurel Shultzaberger; Front: Lisa Cosentino (capt.), Vicki Nelms (co-capt.), Laura Debus (co-capt.), Kyung Yoo (capt.).
JV cheerleaders (right): Back row: Tyler Reemlin, Kari Whitworth, Jessica Lieberman, Natalie Rogers, Deborah Houry; Middle: Jennifer DiBella, Sara Mercado, Vashti Leonard; Front: Lisa Albright (co-capt.), Erin Frey (capt.), Stacey Herrington (capt.), Shannon Bell (co-capt.).

Performing with their hands high, Christie Yang, Jennifer Beck, Tiffany Simmons, Shannon Cake, and Marie Hooshmand cheer during a basketball game.

Clapping in rhythm with their cheer, Krissy Hoffman, Laura Miller, and Kyung Yoo rouse the audience and wrestlers at a wrestling match.

Out on the court, Marie Hooshmand concentrates on her form and position to cheer with pizazz.

Fans feel the tension during wrestling matches

Waiting For the Whistle

Pacing back and forth with looks of concentration on their faces, the wrestlers got psyched for their matches. This sight was familiar at wrestling meets, held Wednesdays after school and some Saturdays. For the wrestlers, the next few minutes were of intense competition.

Led by captains Trent Bowers and Brook Leonard, the Varsity Wrestling team could not miss its mark. Because many of the team members were young, new wrestlers, this record was especially commendable. The five sophomores: Keejay Kim, Jay Entlich, Kip Owens, Diego Saenz and John Bufton held important positions on the team. "Due to many injuries and setbacks," said Jay Entlich, "our team this year was fairly young, which definitely called for a bright future in the years to come."

Their achievements did not come easily, though. It took hours of practice. From the "cross country" to the "superior ride," both wrestling moves, they practiced over and over, working toward perfection. Six days a week for two and a half hours, the wrestlers were locked in the hot wrestling room. Coach Paul Labazetta acted as doorman, for the nineteenth year. He put a great deal of time into teaching his wrestlers what the sport was all about. "It was rewarding to take an individual and to watch him mature and develop into a wrestler," he said.

"Our team this year was fairly young, which definitely called for a bright future in the years to come."

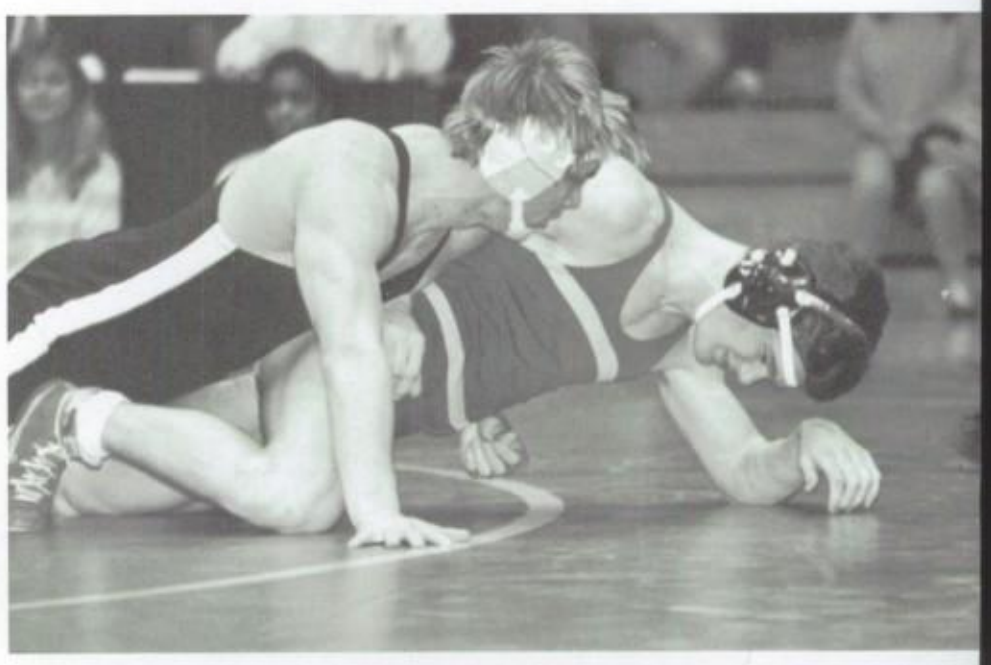
Co-captain Brooke Leonard said of the Coach, "He pushed us a lot, but only for our own good. I'm grateful to him and owe him my success."

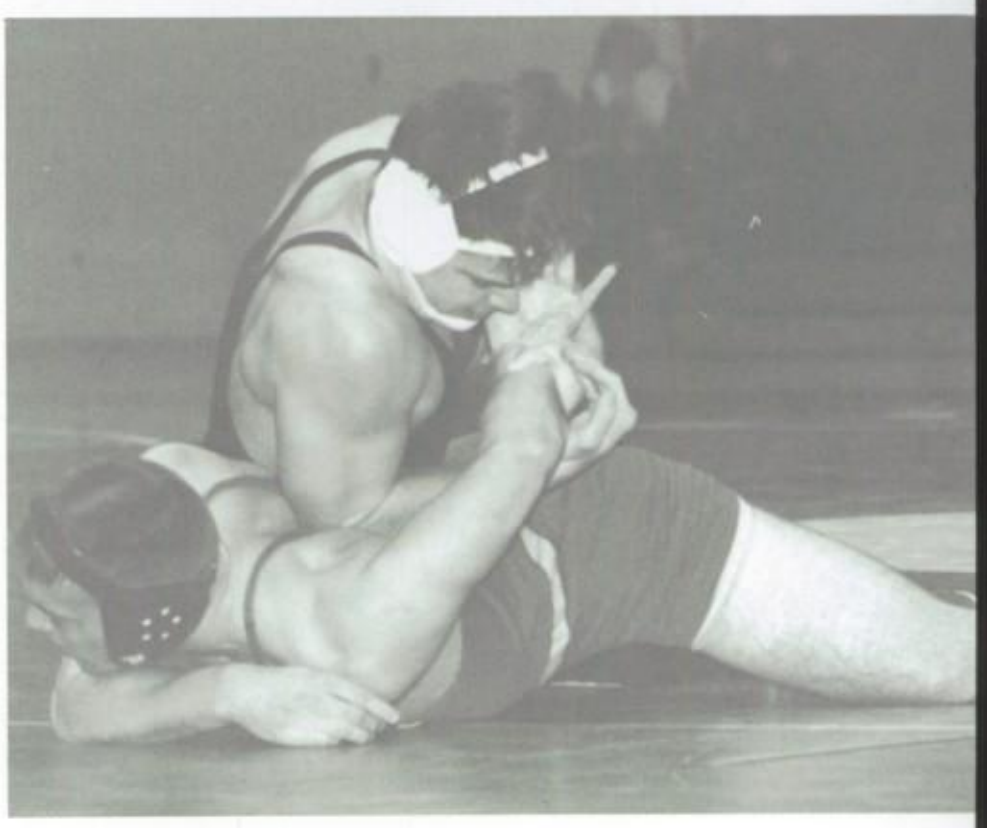
One of the most difficult parts of wrestling was making weight before each meet. For the thirteen weight classes, thirteen guys wrestled varsity and kept their weights down throughout the season.

The wrestlers, for the most part, thought that all the hard work and dedication was worth it. As Coach Labazetta said, "This sport here is what life is all about." He meant that it prepared students mentally and physically for anything life had to offer. Brook Leonard summed the season up by saying, "You got out of it what you put into it."

By Cheryl An

Brooke Leonard and his main competition, Rob Patton, have at it.





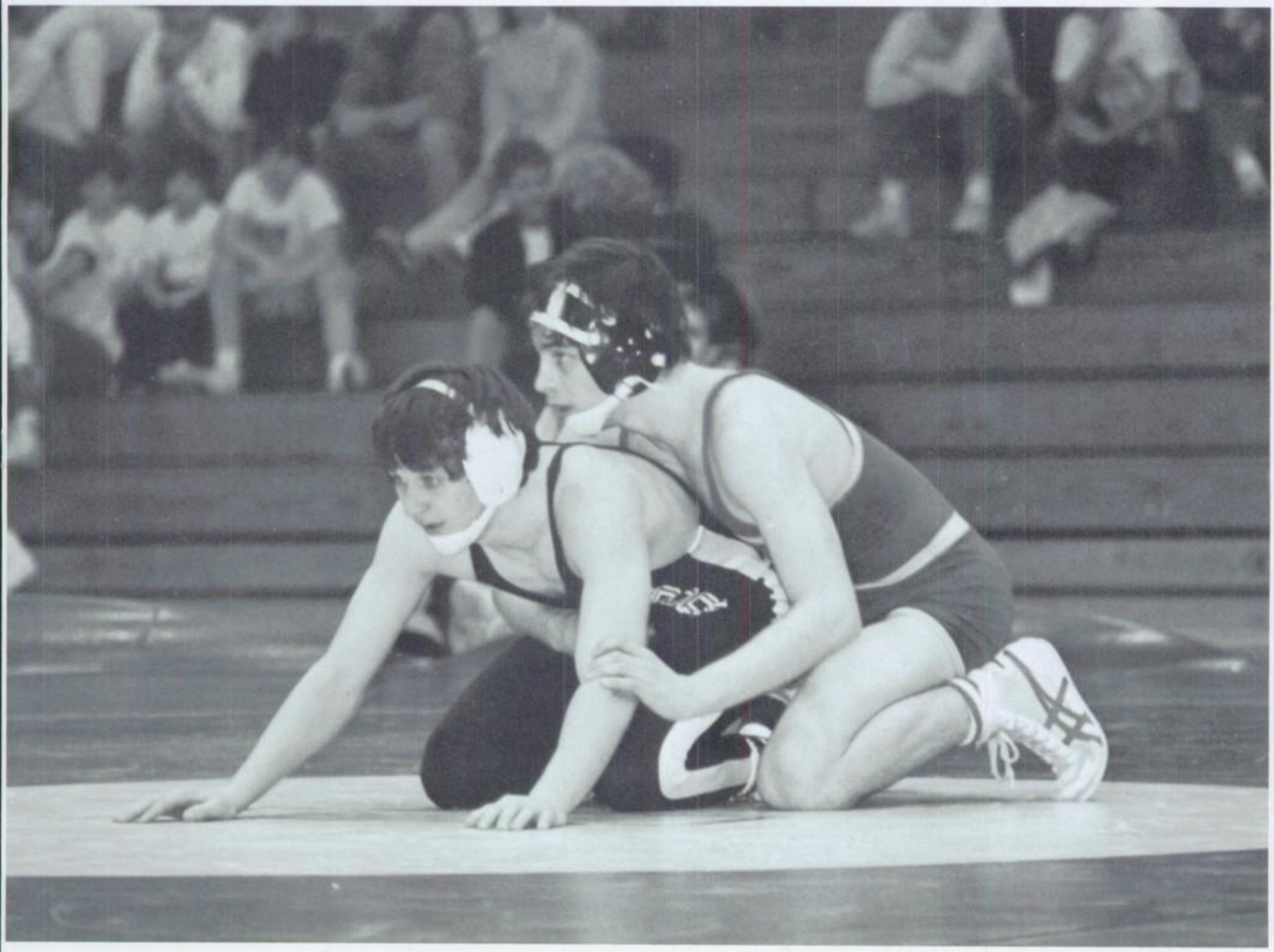
By twisting his oponent's arm and digging his elbow into the other's back, Matt Duff employs the painful "thread the needle" to turn him onto his back.

Back row: Kathy Nelson (mgr.), He Sung Eun, Trent Bowers, Louis Clark, Matt Duff, Jeff Cook, Brian Kerns, Brooke Leonard, Colby Leonard, Shannon Sullivan (mgr.); Middle: Michelle Patterson (mgr.), Jason Spezzano, Matt Bernier, Trent Overboe, Jacob Phillips, Duncan Satchel, Charles Bentil, Shanna Moore (mgr.); Front: J.C. Harrington, John Bufton, Ralph Passarelli, Ramin Sabeti, Deigo Saenz, Marc Rubin, Jay Entlich, Ki Jae Kim.

This twisted mass of arms and legs is Jay Entlich overcoming a wrestler from Robinson.

Opponent		WTW
31	West Potomac	33
15	Jefferson	52
21	Lee	45
23	Chantilly	41
9	Stuart	61
13	Fairfax	51
27	Hayfield	40
30	Yorktown	30
24	Lake Braddock	41
6	T.C. Williams	69
28	Oakton	32
28	Langley	38
6	Annandale	38
21	Mt. Vernon	41
33	West Springfield	25
45	Robinson	17

From underneath in the referee's position, John Bufton prepares for action.



Struggling and sweating for a reason:

To Pin an Opponent

As Coach Whyte or Coach Gitlin blew the whistle, the junior varsity and freshman wrestlers began their timings at practice. Both of these teams worked extremely hard every day for two and a half hours to increase their winning potential at meets.

"To me, wrestling was an enjoyable challenge. The harder I worked, the better I became."

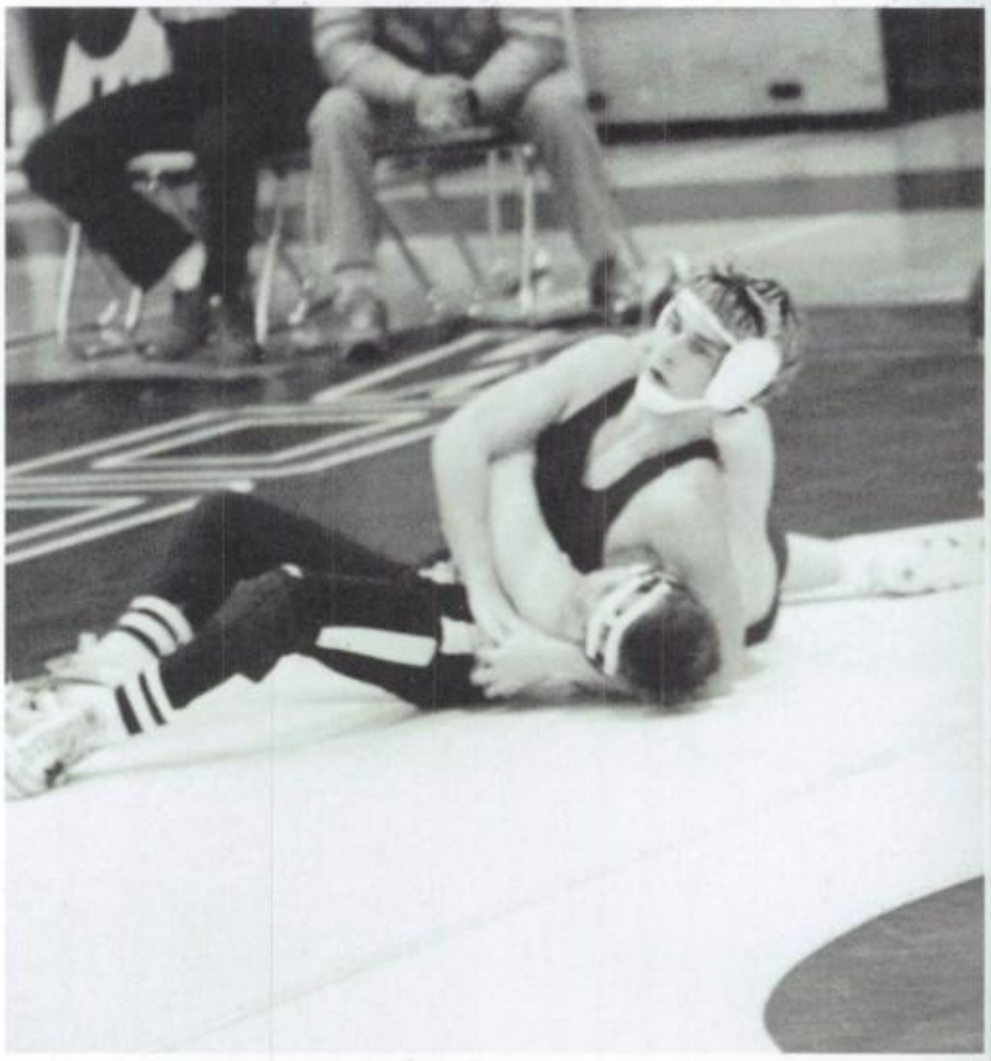
Sixteen freshmen wrestled, and through their perseverence, they literally came out on top. Due to Coach Gitlin's instruction, skills improved greatly as the season progressed.

"To me, wrestling was an enjoyable physical challenge," said freshman wrestler Joe Laun. "The harder I worked, the better I became."

The JV team also excelled this season with an outstanding record. Though the team was left without many of their more experienced sophomores, who progressed to the varsity level, they overcame the challenge. Coach Whyte led the JV team to victory.

These two wrestling teams had successful seasons. Their coaches were sometimes tough on them, but when the season came to an end, they realized it was for their own good.

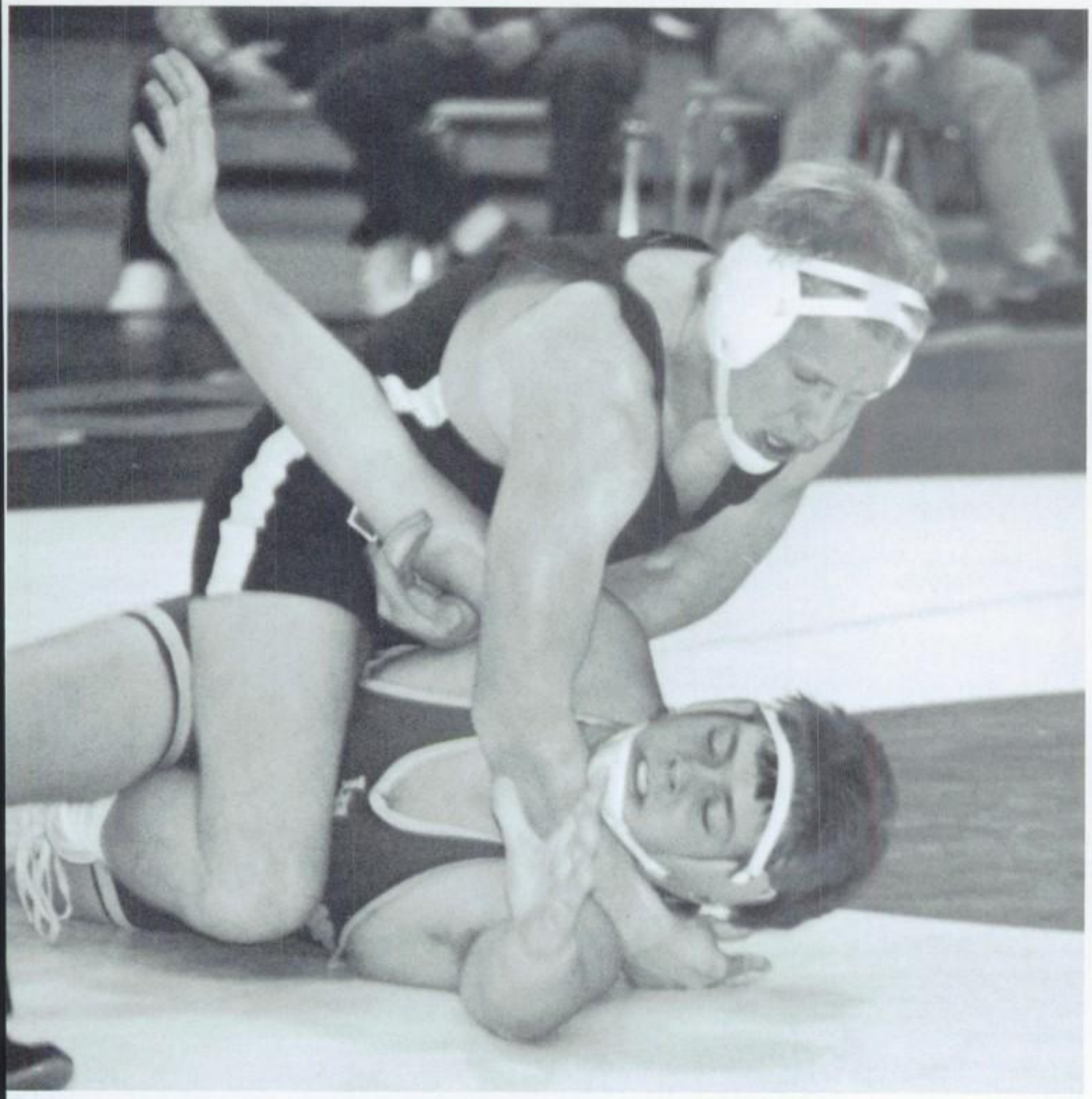
By Inger Brown



Making it almost look easy, Jeff Rutledge holds his opponent in a strangle hold, waiting for him to try to make a move.

Opponent		WTW
22	Chantilly	45
25	Fairfax	36
19	Annandale	36
0	T.C. Williams	46
3	Lake Braddock	53
9	Oakton	27
28	West Springfield	33
6	Robinson	42

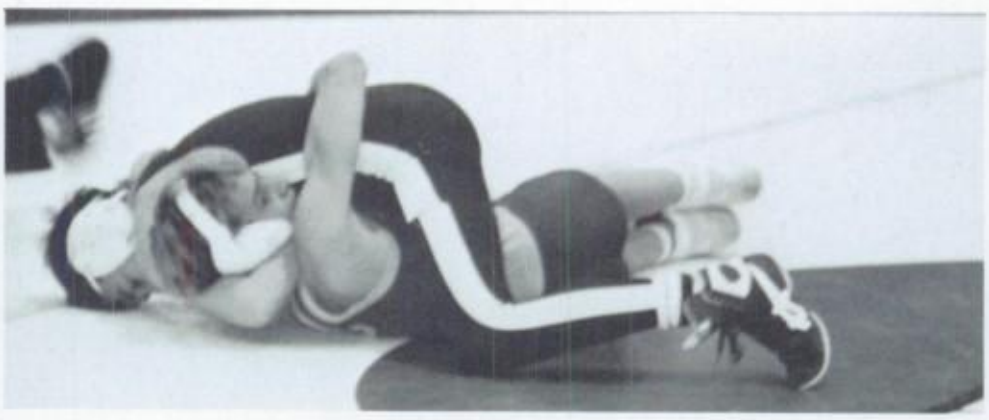
Freshman wrestlers, Back row: David Edwards, Kai Seiner, Shawn Griffey, Derek Nicely, Matt Doherty; Middle: Joe Laun, Lias Pappasavas, Brennon Hawken, Chris Norris, Freddy Saenz; Front: Sean Brown, Darrin DeMarko, Phil Gutensohn, Guy Christianson.



Opponent		WTW
26	Chantilly	44
6	Stuart	67
20	Fairfax	51
12	Annandale	45
25	Oakton	28
18	Lake Braddock	50
15	T.C. Williams	54
24	West Springfield	40
31	Robinson	36

Using a special move he learned in practice, Louis Clark begins to pin a wrestler from another school. In most matches, Louis wrestled JV, but sometimes he was moved up to varsity.

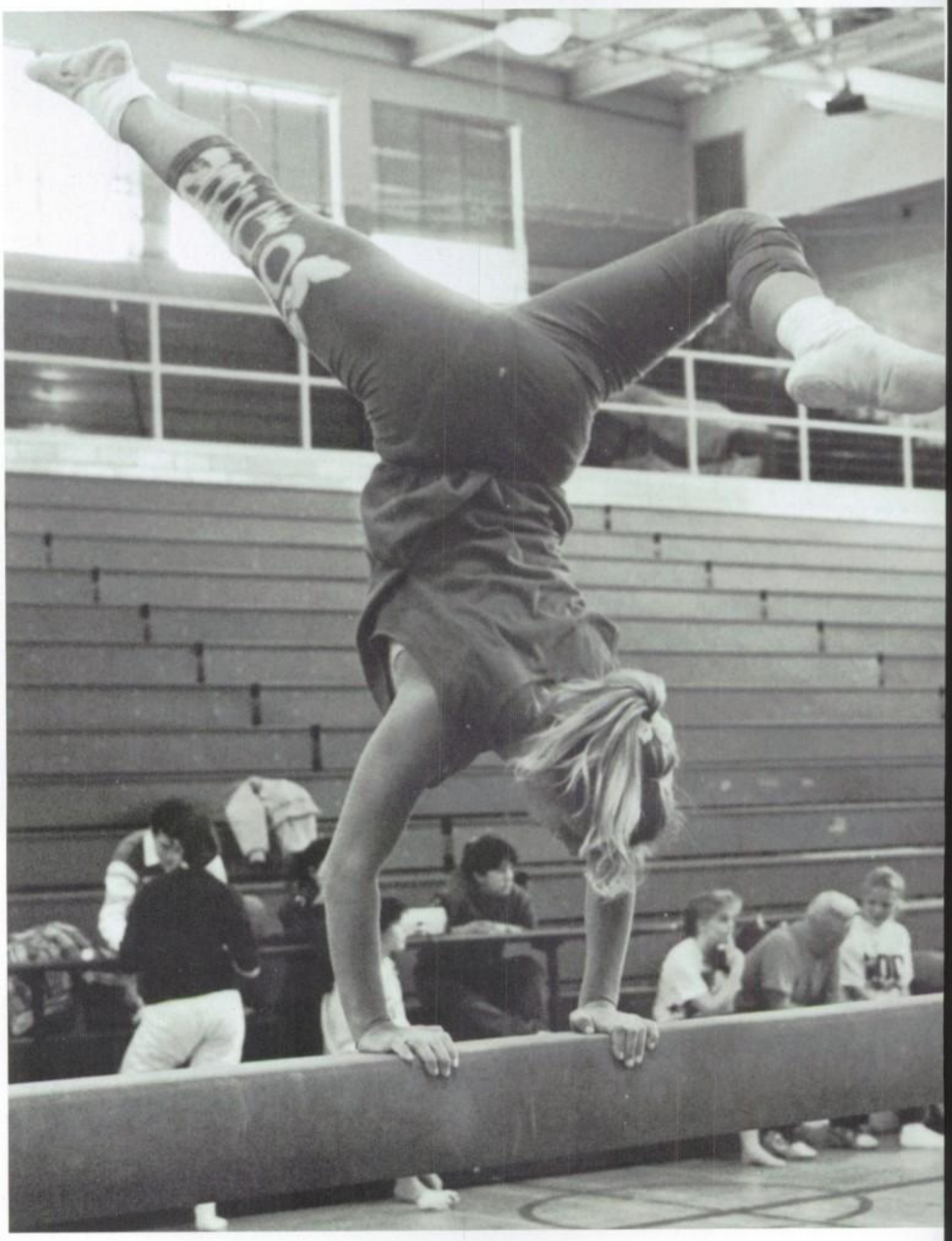
JV wrestlers, back row: Rubin Castellano, Dan Cunningham, T.J. Jones, Steve Rosenkranz, Chris Chamer; Middle: Brad Buzzell, Jeff Rutledge, Scott Shepherd, David Boyer, Allison Williams (mgr.); Front: Kasie Fisher (mgr.), Greg Garza, Marcus Leone, Brian Balgley, David Hajdu, Paul Memenec.



Kip Owens literally wraps up his opponent.

The Girls Gymnastics team waits to find out their scores at the end of a meet.

Team members: Erin Frey, Krista Grigg, Stephanie Hurley, Kathryn Kent, Tori Kirkegard, Megan Lucas, Michelle Milich, Stefani Sydnor; Manager: Lori Alterman; Coaches: Erin McVey, Jill Sarborn.



Performing her routine, Erin Frey displays her strength and agility.

Gymnasts Oscillating Wildly

Shiver and Shake

The girls on the gymnastics team proved to be tougher than the challenges they faced, which were many. Coach Erin McVey and Asst. Coach Jill Sanborn remained cool and eased the team through the rough spots. Among the difficulties the girls faced was a lack of participation. Having only eight full time gymnasts provided for many forfeits of points.

Despite all this, the girls worked together and encouraged each other to practice harder. "We just needed more gymnasts, we had the skill," said Coach McVey.

The girls opened the season with a meet against Robinson. Throughout the season, they competed in seven meets, including two invitationals, and districts. On January 16, Lake Braddock held an invitational, and Washington and Lee had one January 30.

"The guys were a great influence ..."

Katherine Kent, a veteran Senior, led on the floor, uneven bars, and parallel bars. She became the team's encouragement and supplier of advice. Krista Grigg dominated the vault, and promised a future for Woodson gymnastics. Beam swayed toward all around gymnast Stephanie Hurley.

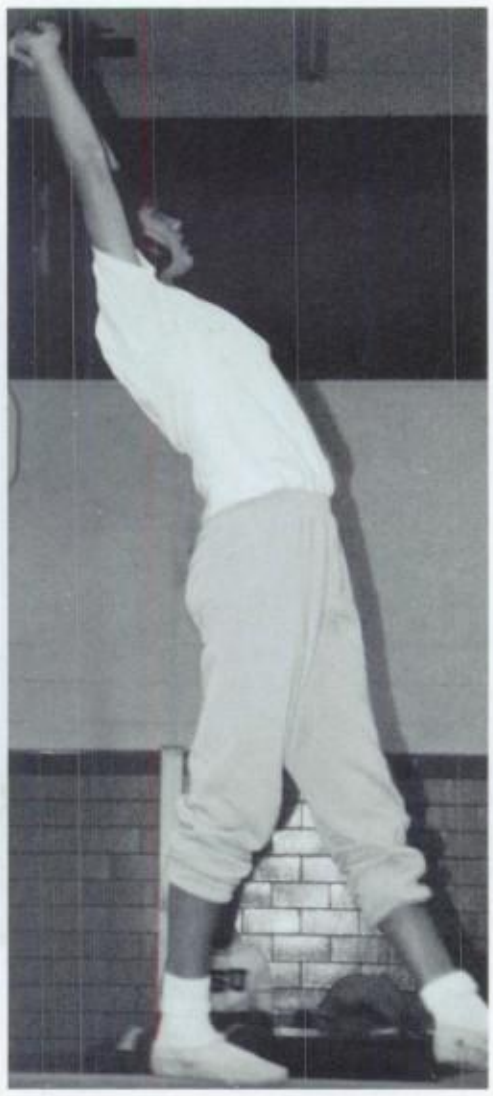
In addition to strenuous practices, the girls also ran and lifted weights every other day. They were not alone, however. A few members of the Boys Gymnastics team went to practices and meets to help the girls and coaches, as well as work out themselves. Coach McVey said that the guys, "Were a great influence on the girls and a lot of help at the home meet against Oakton."
She speculated, "We could be third in this district . . ." early in the season, and added, "It was all worth the fun."

For their fifth season, the Boys Gymnastics team proved to be strong, tough, skillful and encouraging. Coach Brown helped the guys with their demanding practices, difficult training and strenuous routines. The end products displayed the hard work that, "The guys put out throughout the year." The team captains led the team through the arduous conditioning required for success . . .Each day after school they worked out, by either running, lifting weights, or working on developing routines on the rings, horse, vault and parallel bars.

Besides all that, they helped the girls team in winter. Together, the Boys and Girls Gymnastics teams learned that gymnastics and fun went together, and that hard work paid off.

by Randy Williams
and Julie Gustafson

The Girls gymnastic team members shows off their smiles.



Michelle Milich practices a routine on the balance beam in preparation for an upcoming meet.

Getting into some leg action

Aiming Toward The Goal

"Our goal was to lay waste to the Northern District this year," said varsity fullback Chris Spillare. The Boys

"Remember, go to goal."

Varsity Soccer team conveyed this kind of confidence even before the season had started, and with good reason. With plenty of returning starters, expectations ran high. "This was my third year playing for Woodson and it was the most fun of all," said Alex Christianson.

Coach Benson put the team through many hours of practice and hard work, which did pay off. According to wing Jorge Mestre and striker Eero Keraviori, they "learned about teamwork, cooperating with others, leadership and discipline." Center foreward Duncan Satchell lived by the words: "And always remember. Go to goal."

For the JV team, the season was a brand new experience for some of them. Under the guidance of Coach Shifflet, they learned that a member of the soccer team held a sense of pride and esteem.

During practices, the JV team went through many drills and scrimmages that benefitted them mentally and physically. Sophomore Chad Lesman felt that, "the coaches here were really great at working with us and showing us the skills we needed to win." The younger players looked forward to moving up to the varsity level.

by Cheryl An

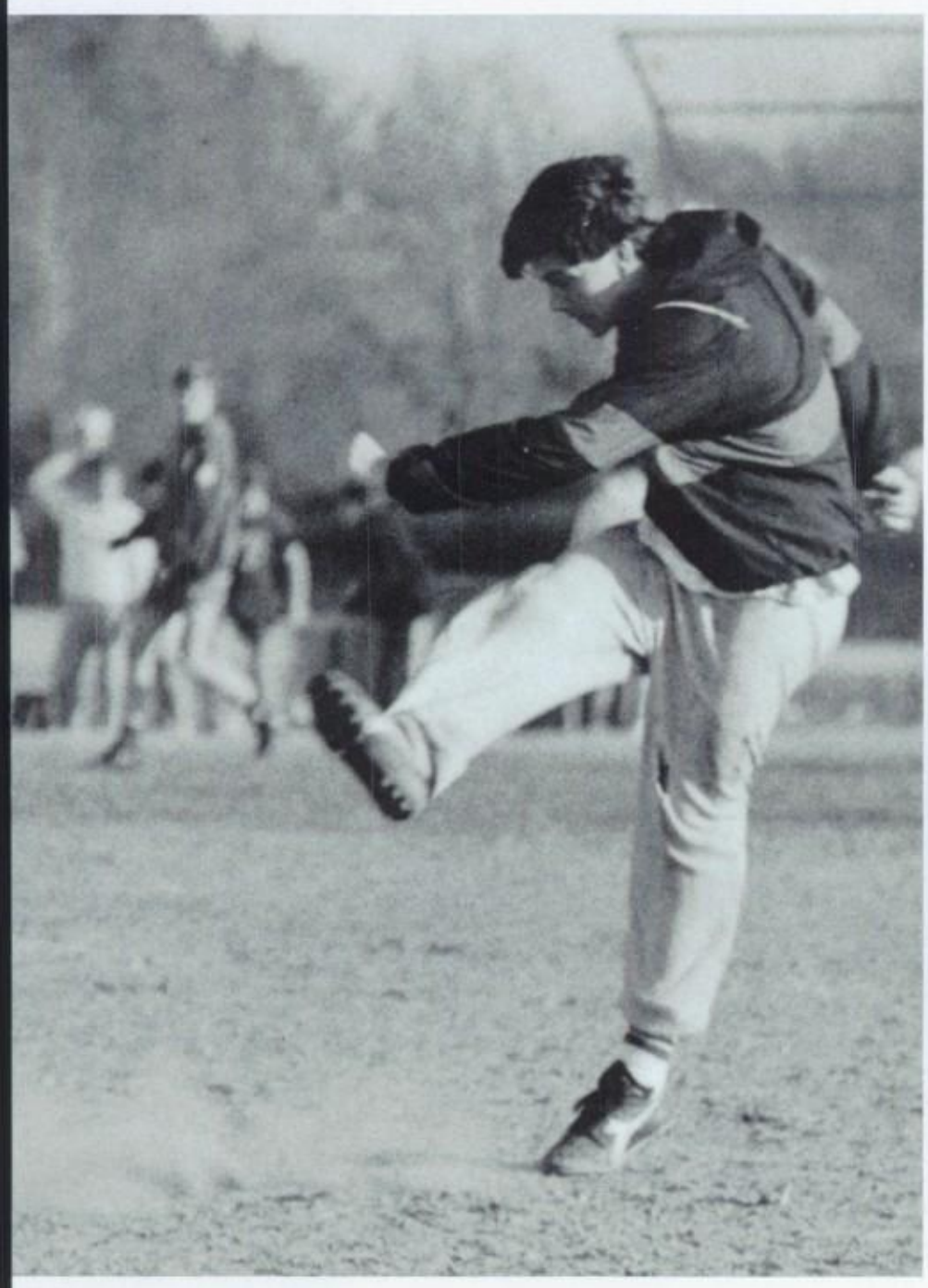
Mark Lettman gets a chance to take a break from a hard, long practice.

Teammates stand and watch Alex Christianson show important soccer skills.

Looking around for an open man, midfielder Jason Finch prepares to kick the ball.

With dust flying up, forward Andrew Lockhart gets ready for a quick run toward the ball.

Phillip Winsten blocks Chris Norris from trying to pass him during soccer tryouts.



A player powerfully kicks the ball into the open field.

While Eero Keravori juggles the ball, Chad Eckelberger stands in ready position and waits for a turn to take over.

Kicking their way to the top

Look Ma! No Hands!

The Girls Varsity and JV Soccer teams made soccer a fine art with their amazing skill, quick reflexes and fast foot work. The select members of the teams were talented individuals willing to share their skills, and combine them to achieve success and reward.

The Varsity team had many returning players who understood the dedication required. "We were considered the underdogs in the beginning, because we were such a young team, but we pulled through with many wins," said center full, Jode Osborn. When they played against Lake Braddock and West Springfield, the players came together on the field and displayed incredible talent, endurance and cooperation. Erin McGonagle and Mary Pat Howard agreed, "We were a young team, but we were talented and strong. We came together and worked well as a team."

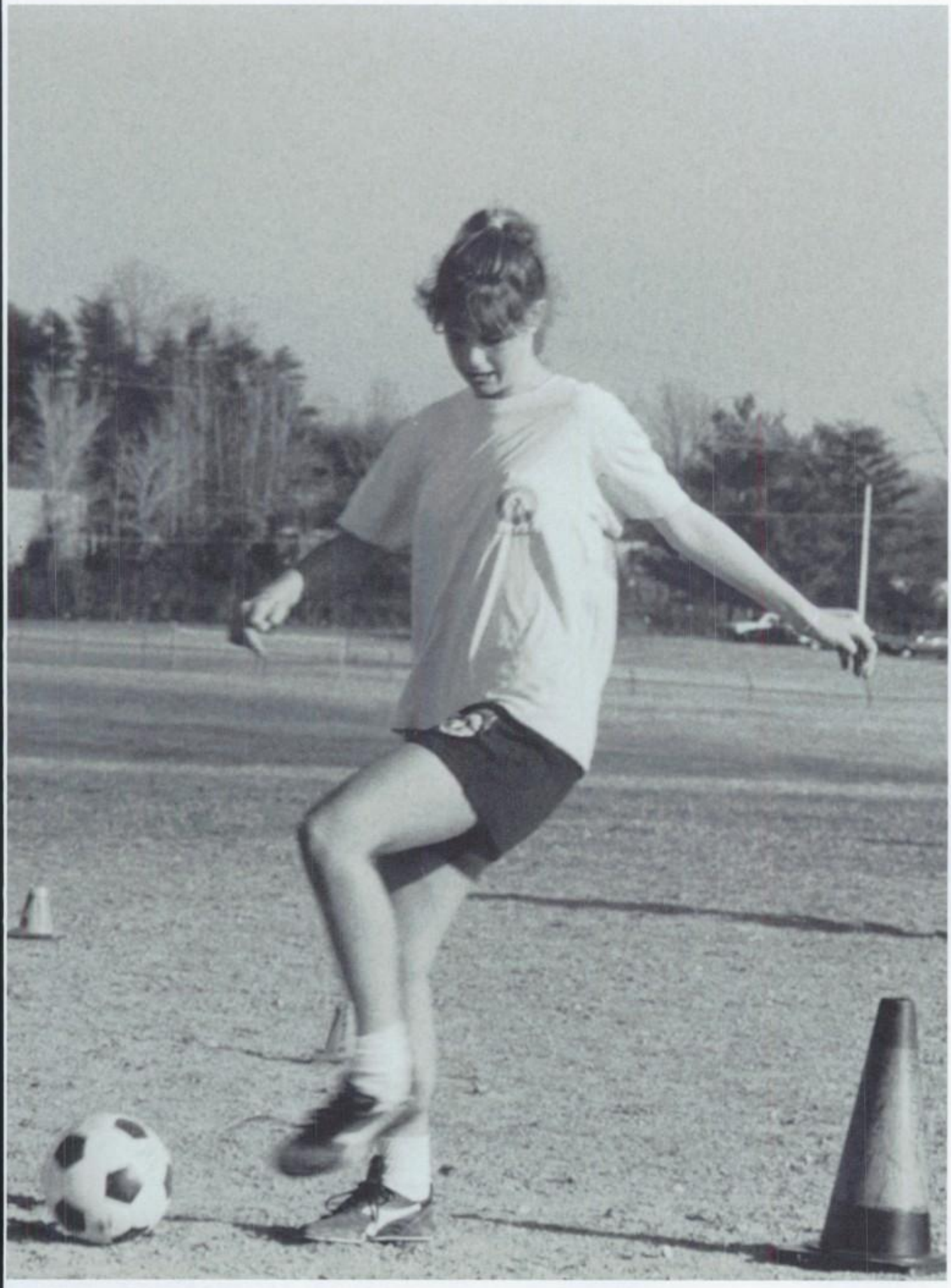
Varsity coach, Ms. Janice Wolfe, commented, "I enjoyed the challenge of bringing a bunch of girls together in a month and building their individual talents together to create a rewarding a receptive team." Coach Wolfe took hold of the challenge and turned it around. The time and effort she put in to train the young athletes paid off with a successful season.

"We pulled through!"

The junior varsity team had an equally exciting spring. With many determined, talented freshman coming out, the outlook was positive. Naturally it took time for all of these new players to get used to the high school game, but some of the sophomores guided them in the right direction. Allison Williams said, "This year we had a lot of changes. The freshmen were really good, but I don't think any of us had a real hard time adjusting to the new teammates."

by Karen House

Making practices more fun, JV Coach Sandy Woods puts the players into action by scrimmaging. This shot shows Nancy Weigle, Jenny Wuebker, and Jill VonKuegelgen taking advantage of this scrimmage game.



Demonstrating fancy footwork, Jode Osborn plays the ball through the cones during a tough afternoon practice.

With an exuberant smile and a calculated kick, Tess Meyer steals the ball and heads toward the goal.

Diamonds alive with action

Swinging To Win

Bats. Gloves. Baseballs. Softballs. Home plate. Springtime had finally arrived and the lonely baseball and softball diamonds were alive with action.

The Varsity Baseball team, coached by Mr. Lee Knupp, began their season in late February with tryouts. By the middle of March, the team was preparing for its first scrimmage. Although there were not as many starters returning, Seniors David Gudinas, Robert Dinkins, Ned Lee, Ed An and juniors Mark Bouck and Jason Cook led the relatively inexperienced team to many thrilling victories.

"The tagouts at home plate!"

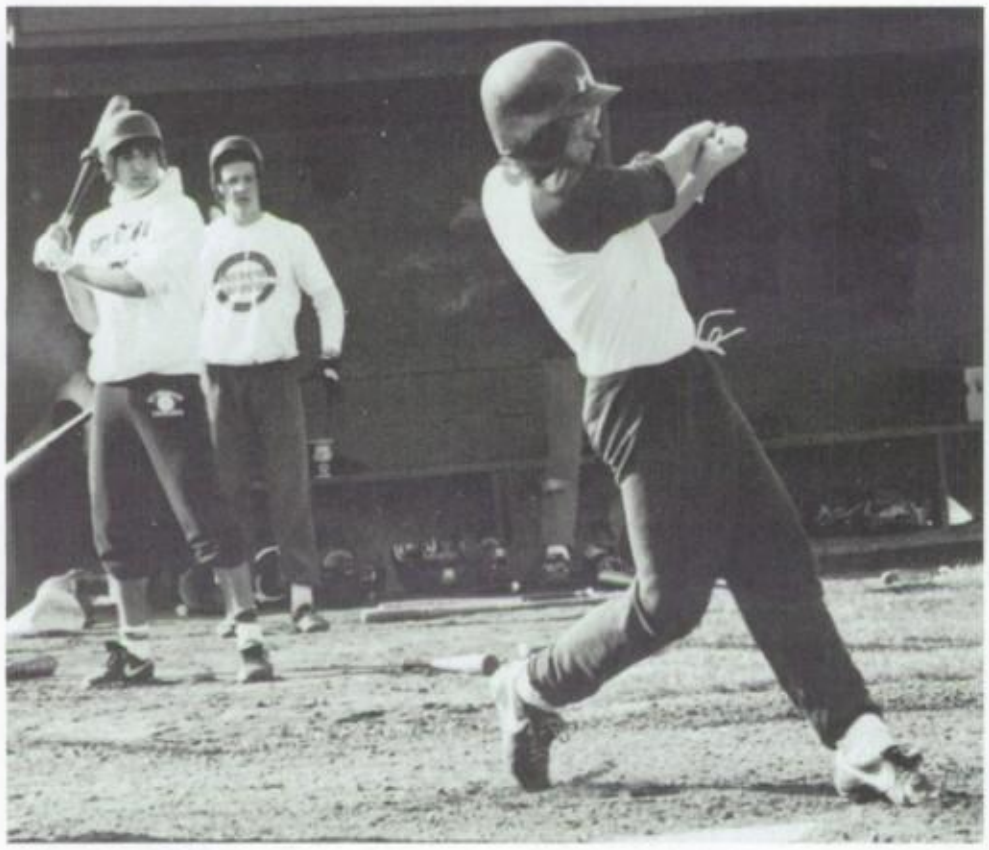
Pitching was the key to success for both teams.

This year's Softball team, coached by Mr. Barry Williams, was different because there was a great deal of inexperience at the start of the season. The team was very competitive and Seniors Debbie Hamby, Shelley Gubanich, Debbie Wyttenbach, Jennifer Williams and Debbi Mullins helped to lead the young team to many victories.

Catcher Debbie Wyttenbach said that the best part of the season was, "The tagouts at home plate!"

by Inger Brown

Mark Bouck concentrates on his batting.



Jason Cook hits the ball into the outfield, where his teammates are practicing catching.

Anne Brzonkala's bat connects with the ball for a base hit.

Using all her strength, Shelley Gubanich hits another home run.

Perfecting his pitching techniques, David Gudinas pitches yet another strike.

The JV baseball and softball teams swing

Batter Up!

The JV baseball and softball teams had a great head start for the season. During the months of March, April and May, the baseball and softball players dedicated much of their time to hard work every day after school.

The JV baseball team, under the direction of Coach Lee Knupp, improved tremendously in their batting, running, catching and throwing. Peter Faggan, a sophomore baseball player, said, "Having a new coach this year made the sport more fun to play in. It was a great way to spend my time and I had a lot of fun playing."

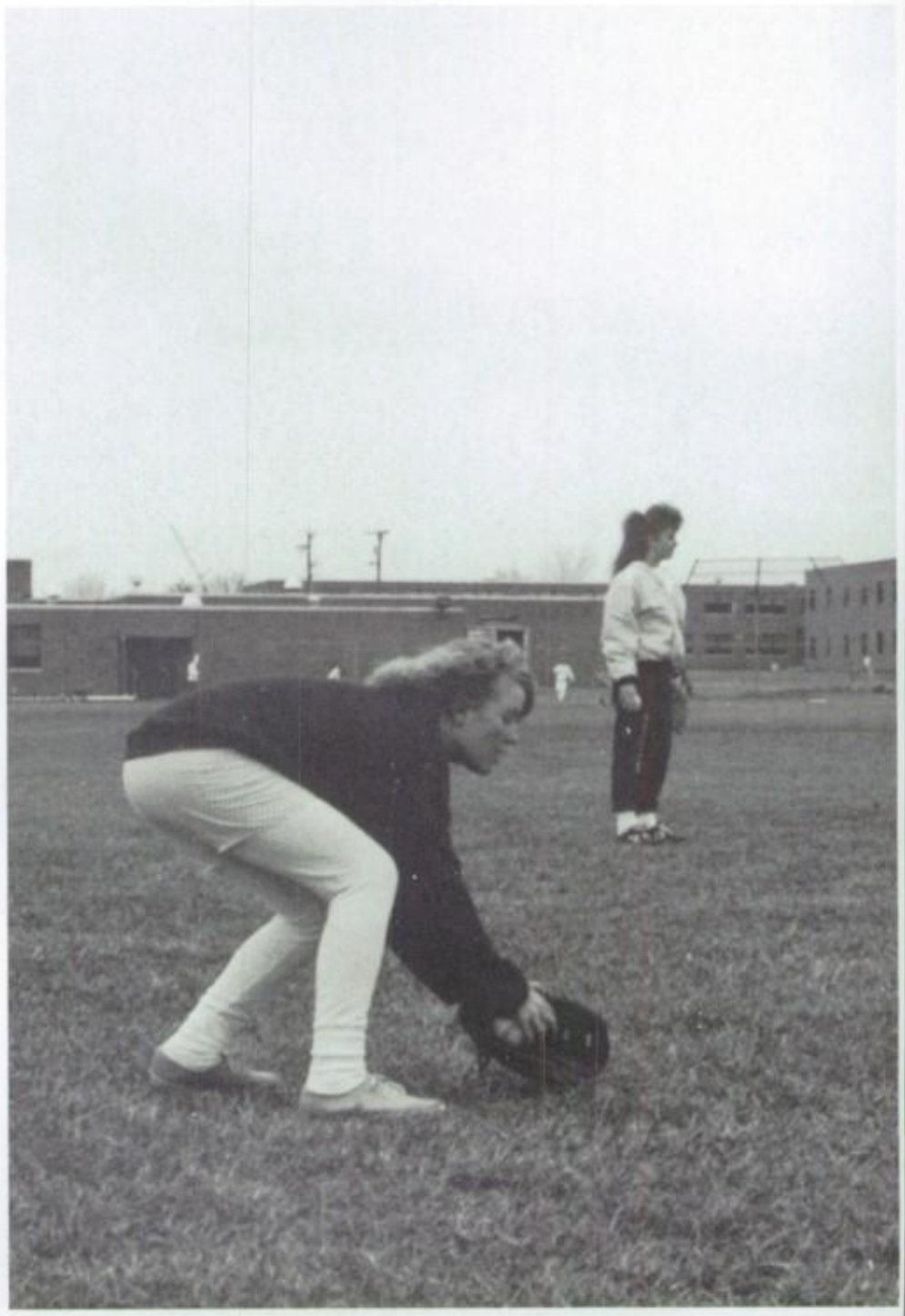
The JV softball team also progressed well during the season. Coached by Chris Robinette, the girls team displayed good fielding and batting skills and made the season an impressive one. The girls, like the guys, attended practices every day and played two or three times a week. Their support for the team and for each other showed their dedication to the school. The girls played very well, with much enthusiasm, and concentrated on making the season a fun and great one. As expressed by Cindy Duncan, "Tryouts were intimidating, but the season was a blast!"

Both the JV baseball and softball teams improved throughout the season.

"If at first you don't succeed, . . ."

Their confidence grew, and their team unity made playing exciting. Coach Robinette summed up her philosophy, "If at first you don't succeed, slide for second!"

By Sasha Hennessy



Returning the ball might not be graceful, but this player's quick return may win the game.

Waiting to go up to bat, Coach Joey Harvich views the action in the outfield.

Concentration and coordination were the ingredients of success for the JV softball team.

Coach Barry Williams meets with Softball team members Cindy Duncan and Brenda Harris in March to start their training.

Stretching out to make a forceful throw requires power and strength from this JV Baseball team member.

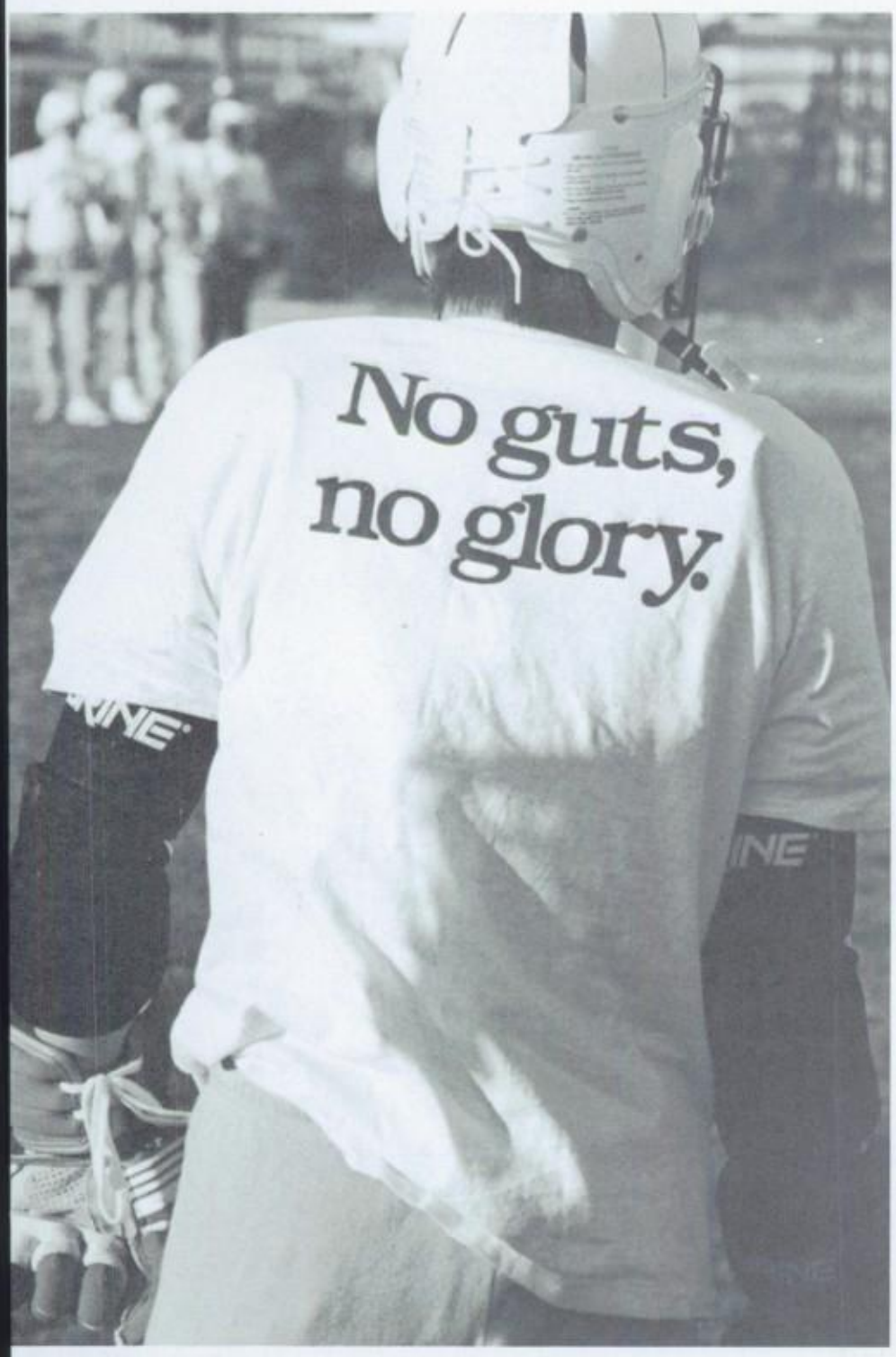
Crew team.

Matt Manning charges down the field for a catch. (right)

Jim Harrison attempts to take the ball away from his opponent.

Making The Catch Of The Year

Two relatively new Woodson teams drew a lot of attention from students this year: Crew and Lacrosse. Both were played competitively on the intercollegiate level, and caught on at several local area high schools.



The lacrosse motto is displayed on the back of Ian Chun's shirt.

The Crew team competed on Saturday mornings at Sandy Run Regional Park on Lake Occoquan. Woodson's fleet consisted of 12 eight man shells which accomodated the growing team.

Head Crew Coach, John Ashton, aquired in the past two years the expensive fiberglass shells and the carbon fiber oars, including four new shells this year.

"There ain't nothing like getting on the boat ..."

Jerry Cannon, who competed in Crew for two years, summed up his crew experience saying, "There ain't nothing like getting on the boat . . . and watching the chiquitas speed by us."

The Lacrosse team was one of the most heavily anticipated events at school this year. Lacrosse was popular among numerous students, and many had already been playing for years in local leagues.

Ex-Braddock Road Coach, John Fitzgerald, provided excellent coaching for the players, bringing his winning tradition as the Braddock Road coach with him.

Goalie Tony Farfan described the team's ability to play well together saying, "This year's team was composed of many players who have been playing together for as long as four years. Some of these guys include Kevin Harrison, Jim Harrington, Neil Stevens, Matt (Slash) Manning, Jay Williams, Tommy Leonard, Dean Cowles, Dan (House) Svec, Chet Carroll, and me."

The number of people in these two sports attested to their popularity.The enthusiasm for these sports blossomed this year as more people participated and the school came up with the funds that enabled students to compete.

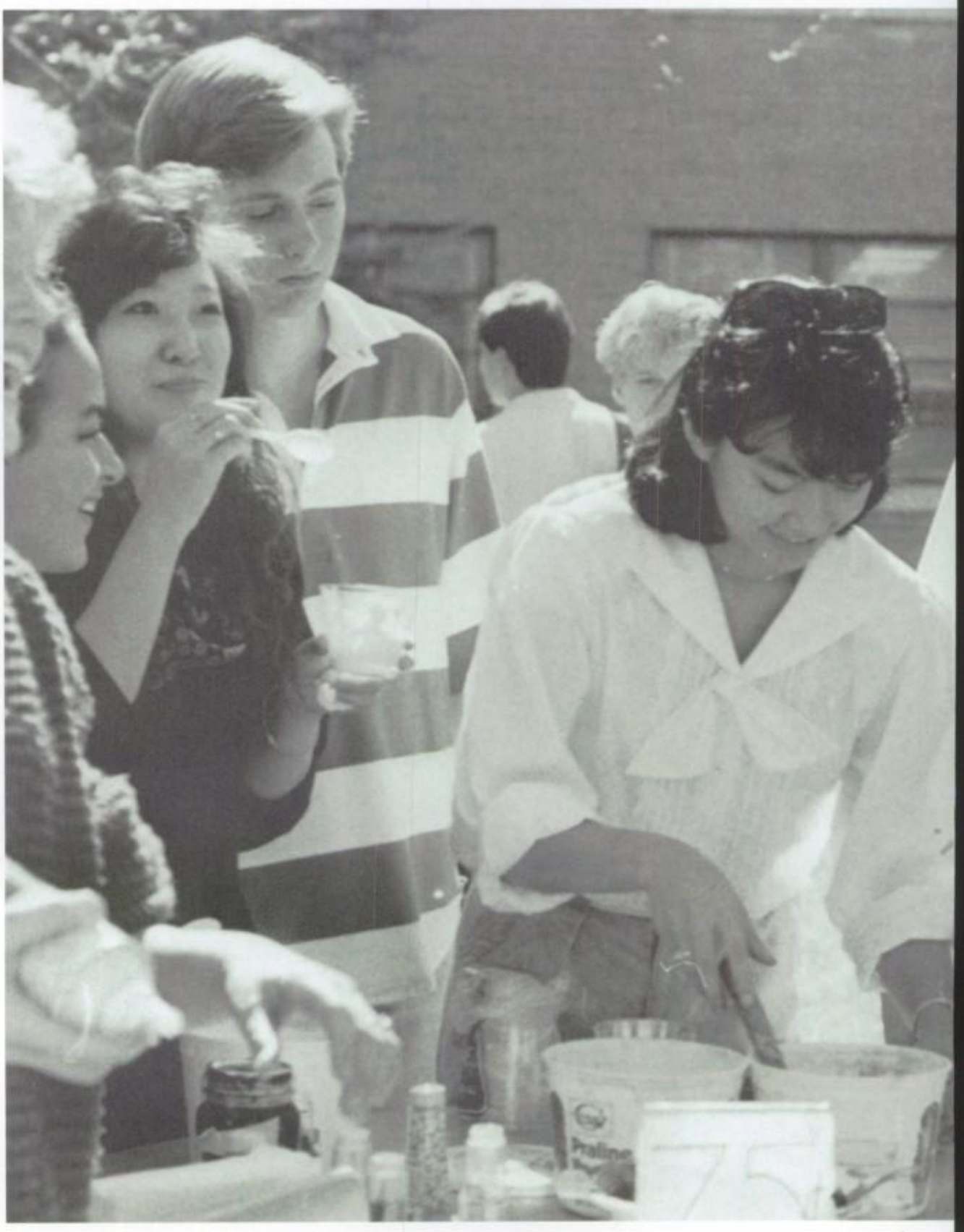
by Garrett Heenan

At a practice at Lake Acotinque, Heather Katcharian in the back, Jill Norris, middle, and Jennifer Libby in front concentrate on their rigorous workout.

Polishing the cars of Fairfax, Molly Pfaff, Ahmeet Patel, and Natalie Jefferson earn money for the International Affairs Club to help pay delegate fees for trips to national model U.N.'s.

To raise funds for *The Page* literary magazine, editor Thu Le and artist Lawrence Srinivasin sell ice cream at the Homecoming Parade.

During Marching Band practice saxophone player Mark Jenkins waits for Mr. Casagrande's next instruction.



Organizations

Keeping busy with after school activities

For over twenty-five years, Woodson students have joined the various after school clubs and activities offered, and this year was no exception. For some students, clubs provided the opportunity to participate in activities of societal importance, such as SADD or the International Affairs Club. For others, clubs were a chance to pursue their own special talents, for example, the Drama Club, Math Team, and newspaper staff. Others joined clubs to help them in particular courses. The four foreign language clubs: French, German, Latin and Spanish, helped foreign language students master the language while enabling them to appreciate and enjoy the cultures in which the people speak the languages. . Through the years, Woodson's clubs have grown in size and number. This year, with the lowest student population ever, clubs flourished. Several new clubs added the to the roster included the "Just Say Know" Club and the Poets and Playwrites Club. In September, the first Club Fair was held during lunch between the cafeterias. Every club set up a booth that had a display of what its members did, and people recruited new members from there.

We found ourselves a smaller but more active school than ever before. We found time to give after classes were over because we had fun and benefitted from participating in activities that broadened our knowledge and outlook.

by Emily Allen

Joking around in the kitchen, Tim Kunihiro, Kyle Koontz, and Keith George pour lemonade for the VA State visiting committee banquet.

Student Union President Cindy Hite; Kyle Koontz, vice-president; Kathy Nelson, secretary; Heather Katcharian, treasurer; Bruce O'Hara, sponsor.

Rulers of the School

Student Union

"Good morning and these are the morning announcements..." ...Starring Cindi Hite as president, Kyle Koontz as vice-president, Kathy Nelson as secretaty, and Heather Katcharian as treasurer. Elected in 1987, these Student Union officers and their cabinet held various social events. Working even before the school year began, Student Union members organized the freshmen orientation, the "welcome back" teacher breakfast, and the back-to-school soc hop. Winter vacation was celebrated by the Union's door decorating contest and throughout the year, posters were approved by the officers.

"The object of the Student Union is to generate school spirit."

Working as an S.U. officer was not all fun and games. Our officers represented our students by holding the dinner for the VA State Accreditation Committee who reviewed Woodson in December. Most importantly, our S.U. officers offered programs and drives to improve the school and to help others. They sponsored the canned food drive in December. In February, the S.U. held the Great American Smoke-out. Throughout the year, the S.U. urged students to participate in the effort to keep Woodson's halls and classrooms clean.

The time and work given by the officers, cabinet, and sponsor Bruce O'Hara kept the school in top-notch shape. The S.U. carried out their programs effectively and enthusiastically. Kyle Koontz believed, "the objective of the Student Union was to generate school spirit." If this was the main objective of the 1987-1988 S.U., they were a complete success.

By Brian Gorges and Jennifer Bryson

Upper left. Sandy Yatsko offers helpful directions to a parent during Back-to-School night.

Student waiters Heidi Deringer and Thy Nguyen serve Mr. Woodard at a banquet.

Newcomer member Laura Miller puts on a happy face.

Newcomers' Club president Ray Boyd; vice-president Laura Miller; treasurer David Nay; secretary Anthony Gresko; activity chairman Mike Nelson; Rob Barthle, Kai Clements, Stephanie Easley, Andrea Gates, Dagmar Hengesbach, Stacy Janusz, Ben Myer, Ameet Patel, Ina Schroeter, Loren Schwartz, Sandy Yatsko.

Winter Colorguard captain Lynn Robinson; Abby Gragg, Jenny Scott, Renae Waterman, Laura Bowes, Stacie Campbell, Cindy Riddick, Tonya Smithson, Kathy Casko, Jennifer Grant, Chia Ling Yang, Lynn Robinson, Heidy Buttari, Rana Roper, Rachael Harmon, Holly Roth, Mindy Montane, Jessica O'Donovan, Vicky Matho, Gena Wright, Brenda Harris, Kim Svec, Katie Adams, Karen Frame, Zully Prieto, Seung Lim, Mindy Richlen, Jennifer Polk, Lisa Bongiovi, Leslie Pitt, Moira Leary, Amy Leary.

Putting on a Welcome Smile

Winterguard and Newcomer's Club

Two of Woodson's warmest and friendly clubs this year were the Winterguard and the Newcomer's Club. The Newcomer's club worked to make new students feel welcome. The Winterguard worked closely with each other to prepare for competitions.

Winterguard practiced and competed in the basketball gym. Unlike the Colorguard, they did not play at sports events. Winterguard was a separate entity from the band and performed only at competitions with other high schools and other districts.

This was the guard's first year in the intermediate class. The team had a great and exciting year, even with a large percentage of new guard members. Instructor Michael Erlich choreographed all of the drill and dance movements. Captain Lynn Robinson said she enjoyed the guard because, "It's a really close group of people. It's great knowing that when we do our drills and dances, we are all working as one."

"It's really a close group of people."

The Newcomer's Club had a busy beginning part of the year. They organized the New Student's Orientation Day. Members of the club also volunteered to show students new to the Woodson area around the high school. For the first time in Woodson's history, the Newcomer's Club sponsored a Club Fair. This gave Woodson students an opportunity to get an idea what kind of clubs there were and what they did.

With all of these activities and competitions, these two clubs had a busy year. For the two relatively new clubs, though, members agreed on the successful season each club had.

By Emily Allen

Holding the flag, Lynn Robinson practices for a show.

Stacy Janusz and her new friend work on a project together.

Eager new National Honor Society members hold their lit candles during the induction ceremony.

President Lara Wheeler; vice-president Laura Barchi; secretary Jenny Lapp; treasurer Erin Jeoffards; E. Allen, J. Allen, K. Allison, J. Altman, E. An, D Arms, M. Arrivillaga, K. Ashenfelter, L. Barnes, M. Barrett, D. Bartlett, D. Barton, T. Bass, L. Becker, D. Birkland, J. Boehm, K. Bogan, K. Bough, L. Bowes, R. Boyd, M. Brennan, J. Brown, M. Brown, E. Bruns, J. Bryson, M. Burski, J. Burton, G. Cannon, J. Carrico, C. Carroll, T. Cary, N. Chamberlain, J. Changizi, S. Chesbrough, L. Choi, J. Climo, D. Colavito, T. Concannon, H. Corso, L. Cosentino, G. Coulter, A. Criswell, N. Dattilo, H. Deringer, H. Daniel, M. Deady, A. DeLutis, T. Devine, B. Dunne, W. Eargle, S. Farrar, G. Feder, D. Fisher, T. Flemming, C. French, O. Garamfalvi, R. Good, D. Griesse, C. Griffey, K. Grigg, D. Gudinas, S. Gunsior, R. Hammervold, R. Harbin, D. Harris, K. Harrison, J. Haskins, L. Heck, D. Heimlich, S. Henley, J. Herndon, C. Hite, E. Hoffman, D. Hughlett, A. Hutchings, M. Jenkins, B. Johnson, J. Johnson, D. Jordan, J. Juul, D. Kapsis, H. Katcharian, J. Kim, J. Knapp, C. Lallas, T. Le, B. Leonard, J. Libby, C. Linares, K. Maeng, J. Marin, C. McAllister, J. McClesky, P. McElhone, Mia McKeta, V. Meginley, K. Miller, D. Mitchell, S. Moore, R. Mottola, S. Mullen, D. Mullins, D. Nay, K. Newman, C. Nowacek, T. O'Conell, Kirk O'Connor, E. Olesch, J. O'Malley, Y. Park, M. Patterson, A. Phalan, J. Phillips, A. Quiniones, E. Raecke, J. Reed, P. Reeder, M. Rhodes, P. Robinson, S. Rochelle, B. Russell, S. Saari, R. Salas, B. Schmitt, D. Shanahan, L. Shultzaberger, S. Smith, S. Smith, M. Smith, D. Springer, C. Steele, T. Stryer, A. Stults, G. Suiter, L. Tavacol, M. Thompson, J. Tollus, S. Tseng, J. Uhlmann, D. Urban, N. Van, P. Nuys, L. Vu, D. Waldron, L., R. Wolfe, E. Yang, Y. Yang, S. Yatsko, C. Yohe, D. Yoo, D. Young, J. Zois, B. Allaire, K. Bautz, J. Boes, C. Bridgman, A. Brzonkla, H. Buttari, C. Cagey, S. Campbell, L. Cegla, M. Chian, H. Choi, S. Colby, R. Conn, J. Cook, T. Do, H. Easterly, M. Eder, D. Egede-Nissen, A. Enos, M. Esquerra, C. Fauver, C. Flaherty, A. Galdo, D. Gatenby, J. Grant, A. Gresko, J. Griffith, J. Han, J. Hartingh, E. Hazzard, W. Heatwole, A. Hendricks, C. Hepler, S. Hess, R. Hicks, K. Hoffman, J. Hohm, J. Hontz, S. Hollas, C. Houghton, K. House, S. Huergo, Y. Kim, K. Kncannon, T. Klinger, W. Ko, D. Koplan, B. Kroop, T. Kunihiro, K. Kunstel, A. Leary, B. Leaonard, R. Leshan, K. Liao, J. Lim, K. Lopanski, K. Lydic, C. Maigret, N. Manning, C. Martin, K. Maxie, G. Mazza, J. McAllister, A. McCurdy, C. McVey, C. Meister, M. Mendoza, T. Meyer, A. Miller, L. Miller, H. Moss, S. Murphy, R. Nee, M. Nelson, E. Newhart, T. Nguyen, T. Nguyen, J. Norris, S. Notes, K. O'Rourke, A. Oshinsky, J. Park, A. Patel, M. Paul, H. Phelps, J. Pollock, D. Porter, A. Pospichal, J. Randow, M. Richlen, C. Riddick, L. Robinson, J. Ryan, K. Ryan, T. Sacks, M. Scarborough, M. Schneider, A. Seelig, C. Seward, S. Shih, B. Shirley, M. Smith, C. Spillare, N. Stevens, T. Stryer, M. Stuart, M. Stuart, C. Surles, J. Sweda, G. Tenant, K. Vann, J. Walker, T. Warren, D. Weisman, L. Weller, P. Welter, D. Werbel, A. Westfall, J. Williams, J. Williams, B. Winston, C. Yang, J. Zamon, S. Defrees, E. Papasavvas, M. Yang

On Our Honor

National Honor Society

Honor, service, scholarship and character were the four requirements of every member of the National Honor Society. Many people thought that all that was needed to be inducted into the society was a 3.5 grade point average, but more was expected from every member. In order to be accepted into NHS, every student had to write an essay on the topic of his honor, service and character.

The induction of new members on November 24 highlighted the 1987-1988 NHS year. Because the ceremony was held so close to the Thanksgiving holiday, parents, grandparents, relatives and friends attended the induction.

"I felt that being inducted into NHS was a reward for working so hard in high school," said senior Sarah Smith.

The NHS was led by president Lara Wheeler, vice-president Laura Barchi, secretary Jenny Lapp and treasurer Erin Jeffords. They made sure everything ran smoothly during the year. "Probably the most difficult part was making sure the Seniors knew what they had to do to get their gold tassles for graduation," explained Lara Wheeler.

"Being inducted into the National Honor Society was a reward for working so hard in high school."

To receive the privilege of wearing a gold tassle for graduation, Seniors had to obtain four points by doing things, such as helping out ar the induction ceremony and tutoring other students.

To be in the National Honor Society was a real honor and one that every member was proud of.

By Laura Barchi

NHS officers Erin Jeoffards, Jenny Lapp, Laura Barchi, and guest speaker, Ms. Bowers look on as NHS president Lara Wheeler delivers her speech on honor to the new inductees.

All Teched Out

VICA and Stage, Sound and Light Club

The club for technical and industrial courses, called VICA, helped students develop leadership skills as well as the skills needed to succeed in their respective trade. Any student enrolled in a technical or industrial course could become a member and participate in a variety of activities and fund raisers throughout the year.

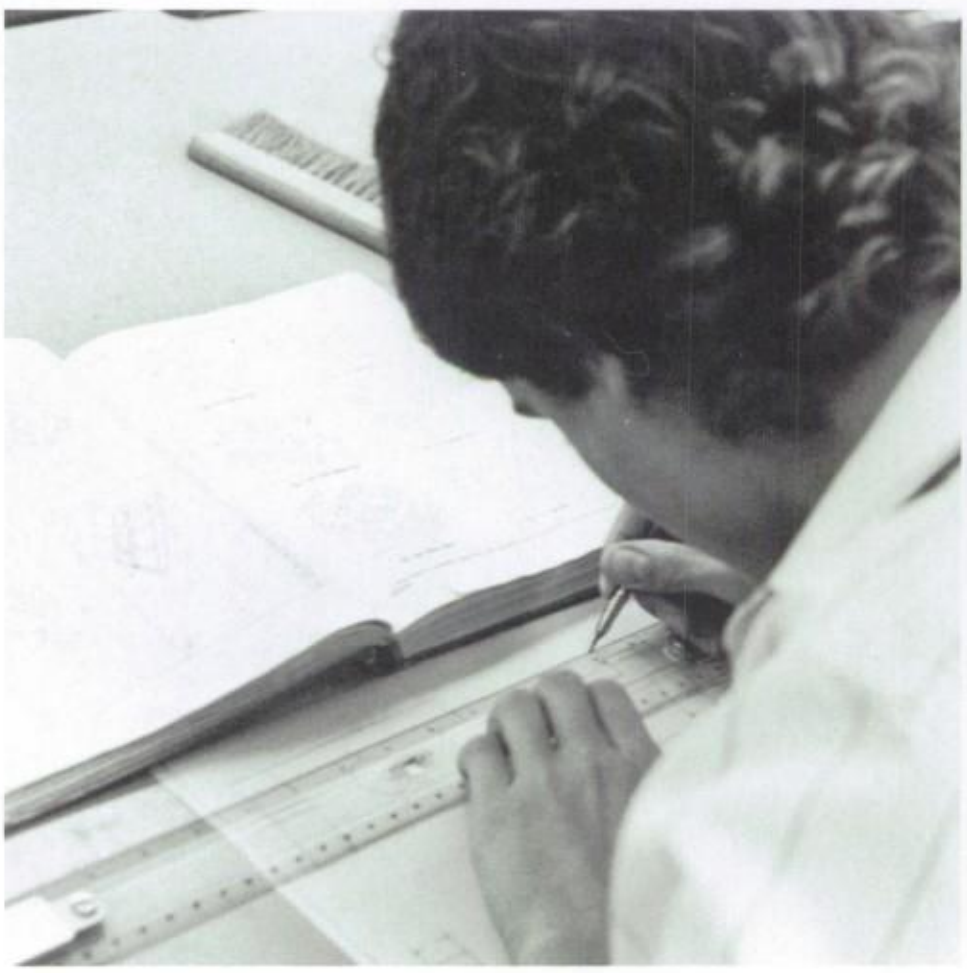
While VICA kept busy in state competitions and travel, the Stage, Sound, and Light Club kept busy providing sound and lighting to all school activities held in the auditorium.

VICA members collected food and clothing for a needy Fairfax family. They also held several fund raisers to help support club activities. One activity was the local skills Olympics, where members competed against other technical clubs in the area. The winners advanced to the district competition, where they competed against Prince William County, Arlington County, Manassas City, and Manassas Park. Those winners then advanced to state levels.

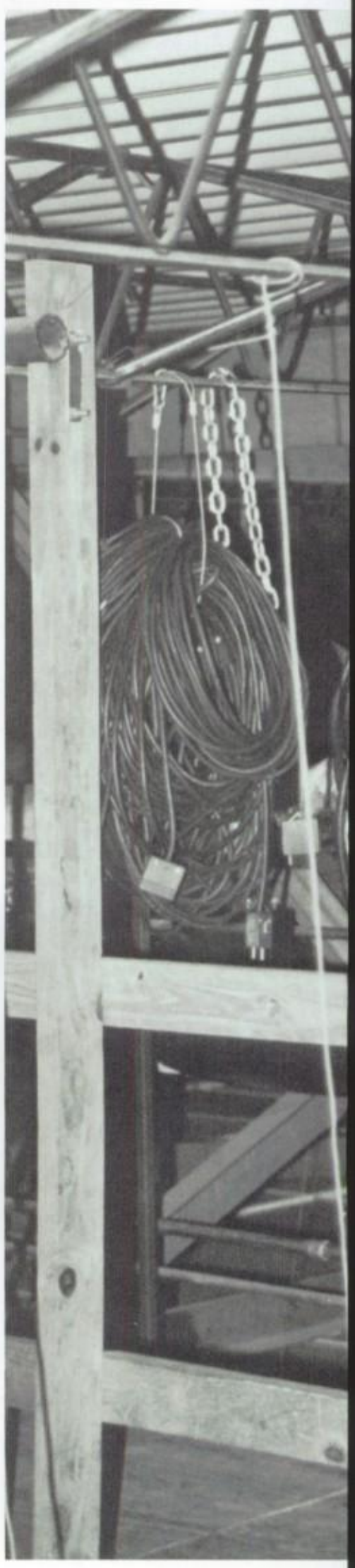
Mr. Andy Klesh and Miss Janet Kolakoski acted not only as sponsors of the club, but as friends to the members as well. Miss Kolakoski enthusiastically stated that, "VICA produced an active and fun-filled year, including a trip to the Ford Motor Plant in Baltimore, Maryland, in the spring."

While VICA kept busy in state competitions and travels, the Stage, Sound and Light Club kept busy providing sound and lighting to all public and school activities held in our auditorium. Sponsored by Mr. Bernie Thompson, members of the club participated in many activities and programs throughout the year. They videoed all athletic events and assisted the drama department with all productions. Mr. Thompson stressed the importance of responsiblity in this club, which made it possible for others to view any school functions from videotape.

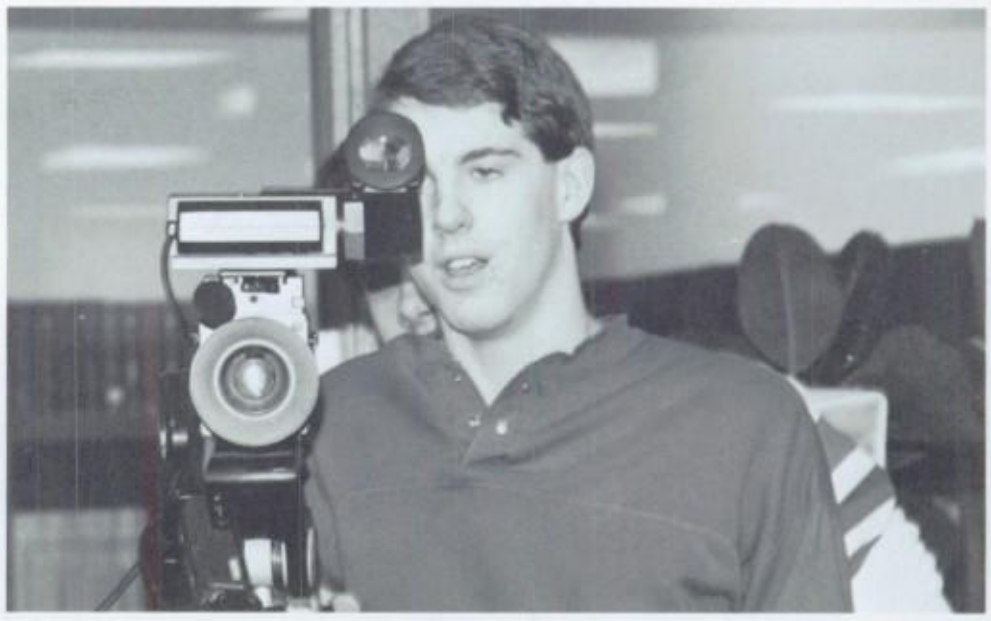
By Julie Gustafson



Students' drafting sketches must be precise and accurate.



A Stage, Sound and Light member wires underneath the stage before a drama performance.



Sharpshooter Jason Young focuses the camera, practicing filming techniques.

VICA Club members.

Stage, Sound, and Light members Rob Zimmer, Robert Barthle, Doug Dalton, Dave Bailey, Jason Young, Jason Willoughby, Mark Tarntino

New and Improved

Just Say Know and Future Homemakers of America

This year Woodson added two extracurricular activities to its long list of clubs. The two new clubs were the Future Homemakers of America and the "Just Say KNOW" clubs.

For the new Future Homemakers of America, members spent time trying to organize and make plans for the club. According to the club's sponsor, Mrs. Baxter, home economics teachers were required to form a Future Homemakers of America club. The main purpose of the club was to broaden the curriculum of home ec. classes. "It was more like a vocational club than the math team," Mrs. Baxter commented. The members met during class about once a week to discuss issues on child development and abuse, as well as other things. The club worked more like a team, so there were no official officers.

"I like working with children. I'm thinking of going into child psychology and I thought this might help."

Tracy Miller added, "I like working with cildren. I'm thinking about going into child psychology and I thought this might help."

The "Just Say KNOW" club formed in order to help fight against drinking and drugs. One of their projects was selling handmade bracelets during the homecoming festivities. When a person bought a bracelet, he or she pledged not to drink and drive during the homecoming weekend. This was just one of the projects the club sponsored to get the "Just Say KNOW" message across.

The clubs did a lot this year, despite being new. After a successful year, the future looked prosperous for both clubs.

By Cheryl An

Cutting and pasting are just some of the activities Vinuta Chennareddy helps kids in child care with.

Laura LeGory shows this future "techie" how to construct a block building.

Just Say KNOW members Kristi Ballard, Nikki Manning and David Glad listen to instructions.

Just Say KNOW President Beth Yacobi; vice-president Cat Ashton; treasurer Vivian Lee; senator Nikki Manning; Kristi Ballard, Alexis Berthelsen, Kateresea Calhoun, Craig Cohen, Noelle Dattilo, Alyssa DeLutis, Michelle Dodds, Lofty Durham, Casandra Galluzzo, David Glad, Becca Hatheway, Julie Hermann, Lucy Hoyos, Kathy Knight, Ben Kroop, Matt Manning, Meg McGurk, Kira Migliore, Kelly Mumford, Ameet Patel, Natasha Rogers, Travis Scarborough, Sumira Singh, Wendy Venal, Todd Whisnat, Leslie Wilson, Ray Boyd, Georgia Jarmon, Marco Leone, Doug Mahlstedt, Jennifer Reno, Ashley Riggs

"Qu'est Que C'est?"

French Club and French Honor Society

If you wanted a little culture and great cuisine, the French club and French Honor Society fulfilled your demands. The only requirement to be a member of the French club was to be taking French; to be a member of the French Honor Society you had to be in at least French III and have a 4.0 average in French and a 3.0 average in all other classes.

The French club as well as FHS provided its members companionship with other French students and an opportunity to share in French cultural experiences. During the spring the French club held a French chocolate sale to raise funds for the VA Tech. foreign language camp scholarship for a Woodson student. Both the French club and FHS took their annual trip to La Colline in Washington, D.C. for dinner and then to Georgetown Park Mall for a little shopping. The French club also participated in a dessert tasting party with the Spanish club and a Mardi Gras dinner.

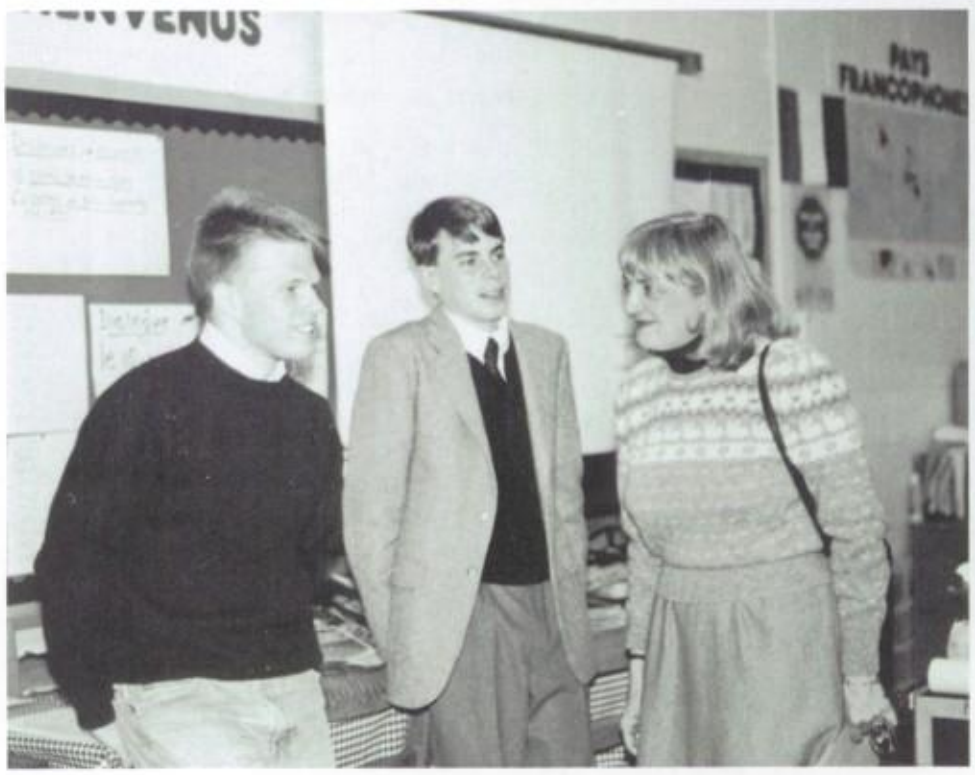
"To be in FHS, one must have dedication and perseverance."

Dédié means dedicated which was just one word of many to describe the members of the French Honor Society. Inductions for new members were in November. According to Thu Le, president of FHS, "To be in FHS, one must have dedication and perseverance — that's why it's an honor to be a member."

The main goal of the FHS was to serve fellow students through tutoring French students. Also, FHS gave French students who shared the common interest of language and culture the opportunity to get together. During the course of the year FHS members participated with other honor societies in a big picnic and had an International Dinner with the French and German clubs and the German Honor Society.

French club and FHS kept their members busy this year with fun activities and all members agreed that it was worthwhile.

By Aliza Seelig



French Club president and treasurer Andy Criswell and Jeff Altman discuss plans with Mme. Nelson before a meeting.

French Honor Society member Andy Criswell honors us with a smile.

French club members Jennifer Uhlman, Jenny Lapp, and Kay Maeng know there's humor in France too!

French Club President, Andy Criswell; vice-president, Kelli Hochalter; secretary, Amy Miller; treasurer, Jeff Altman; historian, Karen Carter; Robert Alexander, Cheryl An, Kate Anderson, Derek Baxter, Jen Beck, Maura Brown, Deb Colavito, Channing Delaphane, Heather Dolby, Lofty Durham, Mariynne Eder, Jennifer Egad, Hee Do Eun, Tricia Flemming, Michelle Greenberg, Grace Han, Stacy Harris, Amy Heneghan, Natasha Hennessy, Sasha Hennessy, Julie Hermann, Jenny Hontz, Marie Hoshmand, Debbie Howry, Amy Hutchings, Teresa Kang, Sophia Kavarligor, Matt Keough, Jenny Lapp, Thu Le, , Mark Lettermann, Leslie Luchena, Cristin McVey, Marie Mendoza, Tita Nguyen, Sachon Perry, Shankar Pillai, Jennifer Quinn, Kimberly Stacy, Beth Steinberg, Thao Tram, Debbie Weisman, Beth Winston, Gretchen Witting, Roslyn Wolfe, Mike Casco, Cindy Riddick, Cheryl Seward, Julie Wonus, Heather Easterly, Jennie Uhlman, Jim Zois.

French Honor Society President, Thu Le; vice-president, Mark Jenkins; secretary, Yvonne Yang; treasurer, Megan Burski; Maura Brown, Clarke Cagey, Jodi Climo, Geoff Coulter, Andy Criswell, Marilyn Deady, Heather Easterling, Anne Marie Galdo, Alexia Garamfalvi, Olivier Garamfalvi, Jenny Hontz, Jenny Lapp, Seung Lim, Jon Marin, Cristen McVey, Marie Mendoza, Amy Miller, Yun Me Park, Cindy Riddick, Michael Scarborough, Aliza Seelig, Cheryl Seward, Kim Stacy, Jenny Uhlmann, Lan Vu, Debbie Weisman, Paul Welter, Beth Winston, Roslyn Wolfe, Christine Yang, Julie Wonus, Kara Farmelo, Mark Letterman, Thao Tran, Rhonda Conn, Christy Meister, Deborah Colavito, Eva Regnier, Marilynne Eder, Shankar Pillai, William Horowitz, Preet Hansra, Katherine Anderson, Cindy Hepler, Chi-An Chung, Tamara Sacks, Kathy Suh

Come to Our Country

German Club and Honor Society

A bit of cultural diversity from the Old Country entered our school via the German club and German Honor Society. German students gathered to enjoy one another's company and learn more about the country that spoke their second language. Officers of GHS met informally with Frau Mills, the sponsor, about once a week. The German clubs met less frequently, but the members saw each other in German class.

The purpose of the clubs said German club president Neal Stevens was to,"get the kids in German classes involved...to get them to know what German's all about." They promoted this idea through activities jointly, or individually sponsored by the German club and German Honor Society. On October 17, they went to Busch Gardens where they spent time at the Beer Hall and Octoberfest. In winter, GHS inducted twelve new members who maintained a 3.5 average in all their classes and 4.0 average in their German classes.

"The purpose of the German club was to get kids in German classes involved...to get them to know what German's all about."

Spring brought the German students' annual trip to the Bavarian Inn, a restaurant in West Virginia. Throughout the year, they practiced for the Foreign Language Forensics in May. Each student could read a poem or story, or recite an original piece in German for judges on a regional and national level.

From the sale of Gummi Bears by the German club and Toblerone by GHS, the groups earned money to sponsor a trip to Germany to visit historical sites and stay with foreign exchange students. With all this activity, the German club and German Honor Society accomplished their goal to encourage German students to become more involved with the German culture.

By Terry Stryer

Could he be dreaming about the Old Country?

All of this "German" food makes Mark Kugler think of his own stomach.

German Club President Neal Stevens; vice-president Jennifer Brown; treasurer Anne Carr; secretary Karyn Miller; Eero Keravori, Debbie Colver, Matt Findley, Paul Semenec, Stephen Rosenkrantz, Matt Johnson, Bill Whitworth, Mark Kugler, Paul Robinson, Lee Yezek, Bob Koehler, Jason Simpson, Shelley Henley, Kate Collins, Mariko Suzuki, Ina Schroeter, Dimitri Alexson, Mike Stuart, Marcus Leone, Lisa Davis, Steve Saari, Diana Waldron, Carolyn Steele, Katy Papasava, Doug Chism, Atsuko Miyazawa, Amy Wisgerhof, Susan Spencer, Heather Haddow, Bill Ko, Alex Stem, Sasha Stocks, Scott Stellman, Quocanh Nguyen, Sami Clark, Robert Barthle

German Honor Society President Caroline Steele, vice-president Diana Waldron; secretary Heath Corso; treasurer Lee Yezek; historian Jim O'Malley; Jennifer Brown, Karyn Miller, Sinae Pak, Paul Robinson, Steven Saari, David Bleeker, Martin Chiam, Sabrina Farrar, Bill Ko, Glen Mazza, Laura Miller, Heather Phelps, Michael Stuart, Tanja Vichnevsky, Lindsey Weller, Gena Wright

During the induction ceremony, new Spanish Honor Society members hold lit candles as they are sworn in.

Many Spanish students enjoy the activities of the Spanish Club.

Hardworking Spanish students make the Spanish Honor Society.

"Que Pasa?"

Spanish Club and Spanish Honor Society

Hola! Como esta? These phrases might seem foreign to some, but members of the Spanish Honor Society and the Spanish club commonly used these terms.

The Spanish Honor Society consisted of Spanish students who maintained a 3.5 grade point average in their Spanish classes. Students could be inducted as early as their sophomore year. Inductions were held this year on December 16.

The Honor Society participated in fund raising events to raise money for future projects. These events included selling candy during school in the fall. Nga Van, an officer in both the SHS and the Spanish club commented,"I participated in both of these activi ties because I wanted to help plan events that would be fun away from the academic side of Spanish."

The Spanish club also had a full year. The club began in the fall by winning the annual Foreign Language Soccer Tournament. This was followed by a French-Spanish tasting party and a trip to the restaurant El Torrito in Georgetown Park on December 21.

To raise money for their many activities, the club sold drinks at the Homecoming parade and sold candy in the spring.

"I was really pleased with how many students turned out for all of our activities!"

President Laura Barchi said, "I was really pleased with how many students turned out for all of our activities."

By Rosalita Ramirez

Nga Van, Margie Arrivillaga, and Ms. Kladakis listen to Kristen Hoffman express to the new inductees what an honor it is to be a part of the Spanish Honor Society.

Honor est verbum Latinum

Latin Club and Latin Honor Society

"Honor est verbum Latinum." Translated, this means "Honor is a Latin word." Club sponsors Maureen O'Donnell and Dolores Amico taught every member of the Latin club and Latin Honor Society to live by that saying.

"The best thing about Latin was that everyone worked together."

The Latin club participated in many diverse activities, including some which were pure fun and some which were hard work. The club had picnics and parties including Saturnalia which was held in December.

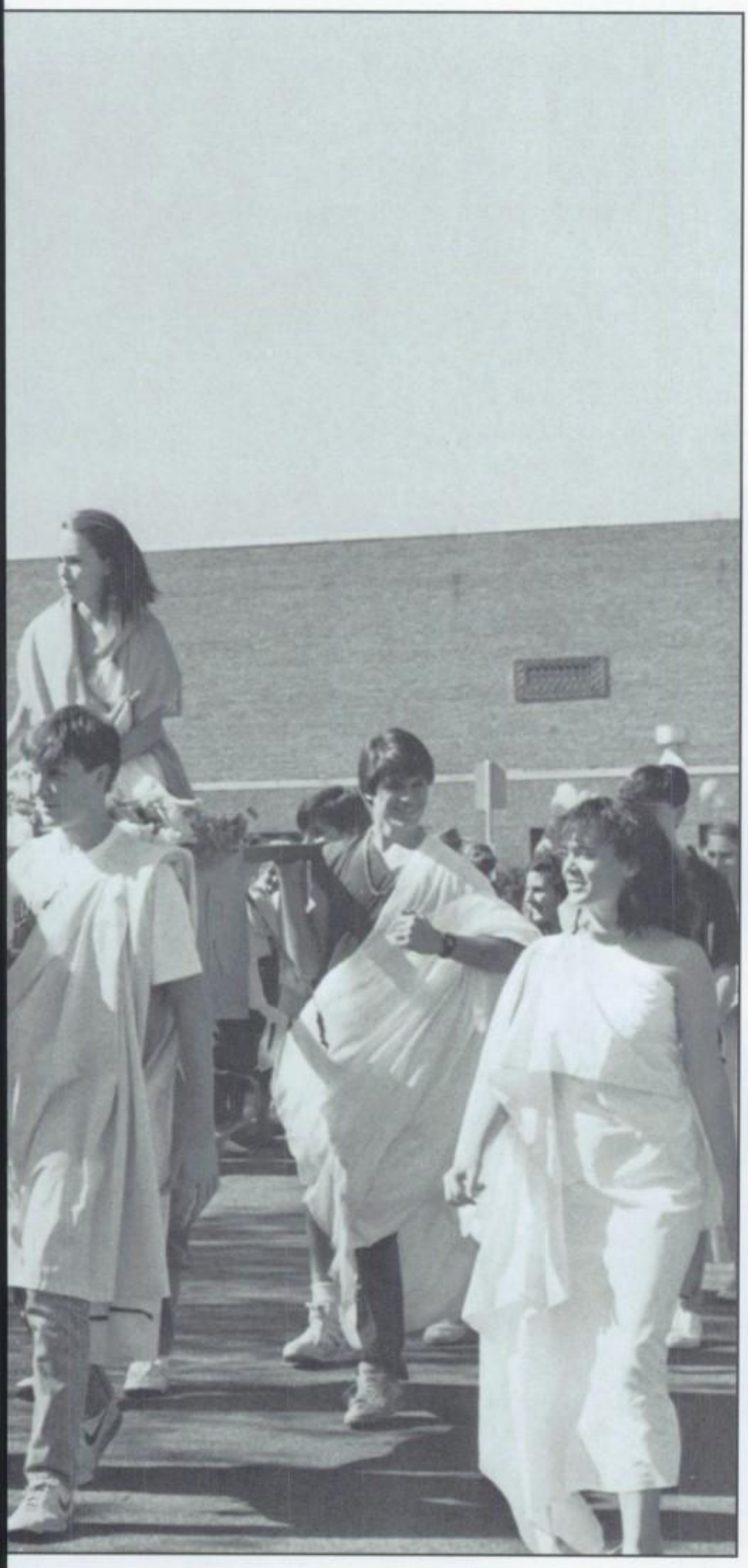
During the festival of Saturnalia all Latin I students sold themselves to work for the higher level Latin students. The money was then used for Latin scholarships at the end of the year.

The Latin club went to a convention in Richmond and once again came back with many awards. Heidi Deringer, this year's Virginia Junior Classical League president ran the entire Richmond convention. Club members took Latin tests like the Pro Scientia, the National Latin Exam and the Classical Association of Virginia to measure their Latin achievement against Latin students from other schools.

If a member in Latin had a 3.5 average for three concurrent semesters, then he was eligible to be in the Latin Honor Society. After the inductions in February, sponsors expected members to tutor students after school, as well as helping with the many other LHS activities. With 300 members in the Latin club and 40 in the LHS, the clubs had a very productive year. Rita Nee, vice-president of the LHS said, "The best thing about Latin was that everyone worked together."

By Inger Brown

Latin Club members participate in the annual "international" soccer tournament.



Reliving Ancient Roman times, Joel Allen and Steve Gunsior hold the Latin queen, and Susan Mason marches during the homecoming parade.

Latin Club President, Heidi Deringer; vice-president, Matt Manning; 2nd vice-president, Tina Nguyen; secretary, Jenny Uhlman; treasurer, Steve Gunisor; Joel Allen, Rich Bullington, Anne Galdo, Leonard Gunsior, David Harris, Amy Hendricks, Ann Johnson, Laura Johnson, Costas Lallas, Jona McAllister, Patric McElhone, Marguerite Nee, Thy Nguyen, Jill Norris, Kevin O'Rourke, Matt Rhodes, Paul Sargent, Dan Shanahan, Danielle Springer, Terry Stryer, Geoff Suiter, Greg Tennant, Peter Van Nuys, Judy Zamon, Jim Zoice, Stacie Campbell, Jennifer Carr, Robert Cesca, Kathleen Classen, Thomas Dale, Christie Dillard, Eric Flemming, Ray Good, Ruth Hammervold, James Kim, Rachel Legum, Garret Lydic, Chris McAllister, Sharon Murphy, Michael Palmer, Jodi Phillips, Wayne Shepherd, Julie Song, Christina Tolosa, Tommy Tompkins, Kum Yoo, Thomas Blakeman, Alex Christianson, Elliot Connor, Jason Fox, Katherine Gehman, David Greene, John Howland, Robert Howland, Brian Johnson, Seung Lim, Rebecca Russell, Leigh Turner, Mark Urbanski, Jennifer Williams, Jason Wright, Nicole Wright, Catherine Yohe, Cindy Yoo, Kyung Yoo, David Ballard, Kai Clements, Lynea Delutis, Kevin Dunne, Demyan Falcone, Lewis Jones, Barbara Jones, Michel Kladakis, Joy Leone, Amy McBride, Carrie Rulis, Elizabeth Stephens, Gregg Valenti, Alissa Burriss, Scott Colby, Ellen Craig, Jerome Ellison, Ann Enos, Cameron Gilligan, Elizabeth Goodwin, Debbie Griesse, James Gunsior, Mary Howard, Ashley Kelloff, Thomas Klinger, Timothy Nee, Todd Roy, Ramin Sabeti, Paige Sargent, Jason Sweda, Jennifer Ballard, Brian Cesca, Robert Clickner, Craig Cohen, Hoa Ho, Katherine Howe, Alexander Loper, Ryan Marcotte, John Owens, Philip Ross, Steven Soard, Abigail Symonds, Chris Wallingford, Ji Yoo, Kum Yoo, Chi Yu, Patrick Breinig, Suzanne Clarke, Matthew Cummings, Jennifer DiBella, Gayla Elam, Jason Finch, Grace Han, Becca Hatheway, Beth Jensen, Alexander Kelloff, David Koplan, Tim Kunihiro, Trinet Leporati, Allison McCurdy, Kim McGonegal, Katherine Nordenbrook, Dan Package, Tom Package, Mark Phillips, Robert Powers, Eric Resnick, Katherine Suh, Kathleen Vann, Beth Wilson, Melissa Wuebker, Randee Young, Inger Brown, Charles Burke, Sung Choi, Megan Conway, Kelli Gardner, Carolyn Greene, Stephanie Hagopian, Jennifer Kersten, Jin Lim, Yoo Lim, Morgan Orceyre, John Schneider, Kathleen Shanahan, Abigail Smith, Brien Thorpe, Jeong Yoon, Marrit Zoll, Eli Brinkerhoff, Cynthia Duncan, Patricia Easley, Dianne Egede-Nissen, David Finberg, David Gatenby, George William, Joshua Himwich, Kristin Kunstel, Joan Lee, Matthew Lee, Camille Maigret, Susan Mason, Helen Moss, Tyler Ormsby, Kristen Rewald, George Stankevich, Anne Westfall, Jason Williams, Chris Yannarell, Vanessa Zeiner, Steve Ahern, Hea Chang, Yoon Choi, David Kaufman, Tristan Keller, Jin Lim, Drew Marvin, Hoang Nguyen, Brad Rhodes, Nah Rim, Richard Rogers, Zachary Christopher Siebert, Sandra Smith, Peter Van Hemel, Matthew Wilcox, Dan Young

Latin Honor Society President Joel Allen; vice-president Rita Nee; treasurer Matt Rhodes; secretary Greg Tennant; Stacie Campbell, Tom Dale, Heidi Deringer, Diane Egede-Nissen, Anne-Marie Galdo, Steve Gunsior, David Harris, Amy Hendricks, Beth Johnson, Jimmy Kim, Kristin Kunstel, Costas Lallas, Susan Luong, Matt Manning, Chris McAllister, Jon McAllister, Pat McElhone, Helen Moss, Sharon Murphy, Rita Nee, Tina Nguyen, Jill Norris, Kevin O'Rourke, Jodi Phillips, Matt Rhodes, Dan Shanahan, Danielle Springer, Terry Stryer, Geoff Suiter, Greg Tennant, Jennie Uhlmann, Yvonne Yang, Christine Yannarell, Daniel Young, Vanessa Zeiner, Jim Zois

The Power of Speech

Debate Team and Forensics Club

If you excelled in rhetorical speaking or skillful arguing, then you most likely joined the Woodson Forensics or Debate team. Both teams worked hard all year long preparing for tournaments and competitions to bring home personal satisfaction as well as many awards.

The debate team was a group of forty competitive and aggressive students who argued over issues to improve their speaking, research, and working skills. They developed cases and plans which related to the resolution, which was that the U.S. government should adopt a policy to increase political stability in Latin America.

Meetings were held weekly during which debaters discussed cases and plans and prepared for upcoming debates. Amy Wisgerhof explained, "Debate is more work than people realize, but it isn't all academic."

Various high schools held the debates. A debate consisted of four rounds — two negatively and two affirmatively. The club sponsor, Madame Nelson took the top four teams at Woodson to Harvard to compete.

With eight regular members and many other participators, the forensic team attended seven regular tournaments as well as championship tournaments at local high schools.

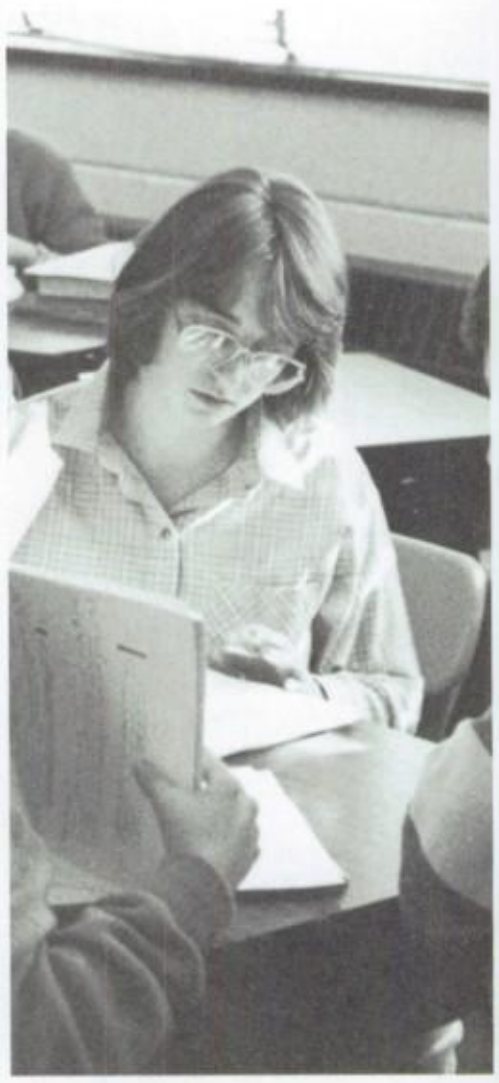
Both teams worked hard all year long for tournaments and competitions to bring home personal satisfaction as well as many awards.

Members took part in various competitions including dramatic readings or monologues and impromptu speeches. Mr. Miltiades Yiasemisdes, Woodson's forensics coach, commented that "Forensics is a very worthwhile activity to improve speaking abilities and competitive skills."

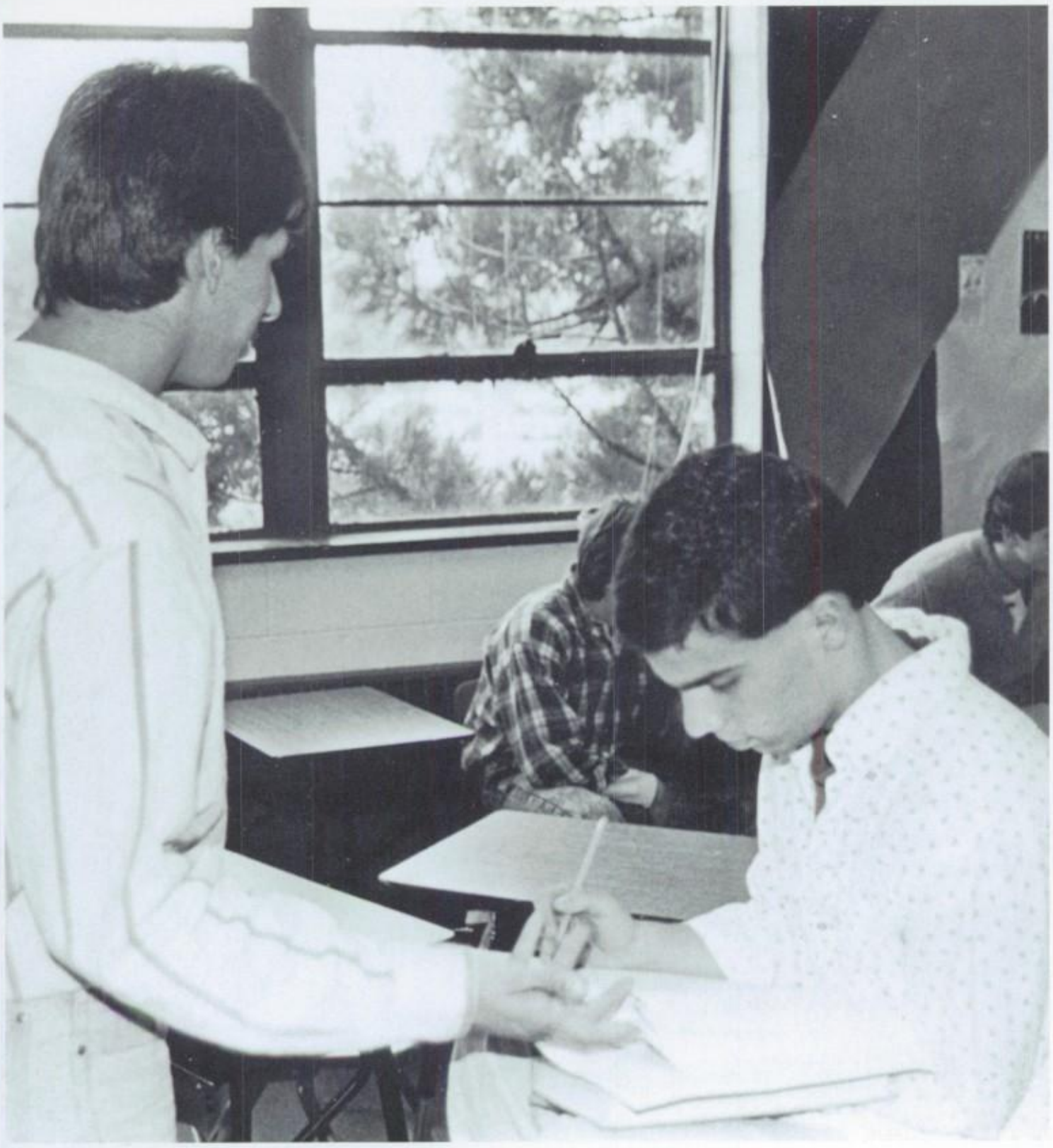
"It seemed like it would help me build up my confidence in speaking in front of people. Plus I found it helped me in drama with my sense of timing, tone, pitch, and facial expression," said two-year member Leigh Copeland.

Debate and Forensics were both teams which needed much effort and enthusiasm. Members perfected themselves to the height of their abilities ending with the feeling of accomplishment and reward. By Sasha Hennessy

Looking over research, Claire Barret realizes that preparation for a debate is crucial.



A junior varsity debator gets a tip from co-president J.P. Lacey.



Forensics president Costas Lallas; secretary Aaron Starosta; Marilyn Deady, Jennifer Carey, Geoffrey Coulter, Sabrina Farrar, Cristin McVey, Richard Bullington

Aaron Starosta consults Costas Lallas on a speech he will use for a Forensics competition.

Debate Co-presidents Jay Pee Lacy and Marilyn Deady; vice-president Lauren Schwartz; secretary Mike Nelson; treasurer Kay Maeng; Brian Kropp, Lee Middleton, Amy Wisgerhoff, Michelle Paul, Lisa Luck, Loren Shwartz, Patrick Waldenfels, Sanford Hess, Natasha Chamberlain, Michelle Kladakis, Steve Iannuci, Laurel Shultzaburger, Tommy Tompkins, Chris Martin, Jenny Hontz, Tina Nguyen, Keith Hartigan, Todd Benoff, Gaby Esser, Juliana Kang, Amie Miller, Beth Winston, Eva Loh, Cindie Hammervold, Fachon Perry, Chi-An Chung, Derek Baxter, Young Kim, Lofty Durham, Sasha Hennessy, Alan Puo, Phuong Truong, Ameet Patel, Claire Barret, Todd Benoff, Shannon Sheehan, Alexia Garamfalvi, Nicole Wright, Prett Hansra, Joe Wong, Julie Wonus, Lisa Luck, Andrew Taylor, Greg Schlenker, Scott Boileur, Amy Heneghan, Debby Houry

Using Patience and Skill

Jets and Horticulture Club

Students got caught up in the splash this year with the JETS team and Horticulture club this year. Both clubs worked very hard at what they did resulting in a very successful year.

The Horticulture club worked busily to maintain the landscape around our school. They also plotted the garden courtyard by the library. During the year club members also heard guest speakers on flower arranging and plant and flower pruning and growing.

Both clubs worked hard at what they did resulting in a very successful year.

Officers of the club included Amy Miller as president, Jan Randon as vice-president, and treasurer Heather Phelps. Heather said, "The money we received was used for flowers and decorations." Mrs. Janet Emsley, sponsor of the club said, "I enjoy growing plants and it's a favorite hobby."

The Horticulture club gave students the opportunity to learn about plants and plant care.

The JETS, Junior Engineering Technology Society involved math and English abilities. The group did not meet like an ordinary club on a regular basis. Instead members worked alone or with other members to quiz and prepare for upcoming competitions.

By Jordonna Hoffman

Coaching each other, Matt Manning and Heidi Deringer prepare for a JETS meet.

Members of the Horticulture club pinch plants in the library courtyard.

Horticulture President Amy Miller; vice-president Jan Randow; secretary/treasurer Heather Phelps; Jenny Liao, Katherine Liao, Amy Pospichal, Jenny Reed, Rachel Salas, Christie Meister

Caring for plants seems to be second nature to Rachel Salas.

JET's captain Steve Gunsior; Jon Beam, Heidi Deringer, Allysa DeLutis, Debbie Fisher, Olivier Garamfalvi, Keith Hall, Jennifer Johnson, Thu Lee, Matt Manning, Tom Phillips, Mark Witecki, Yvonne Yang, Peter Van Nuys; D.J. Donelson and P. Bowers, sponsors

Jennifer Libby, Joy Wells and Alisa DeLutis give service with a smile in the Key Club.

The Key Club.

Keyettes president Rachael Salas; vice-president Heather Dolby; secretary Tara McArdle; treasurer Carolyn Yohe; chaplain Susan Tseng; Kimberly Adair, Cheryl An, Fred Bates, Mary Brennan, Hyeon Choi, Yun choi, Cindy Duncan, Marilynne Eder, Mary Anne Esquerra, Bridget Fancher, Kacie Fisher, Katrina Gannaway, Stephanie Gleason, Krista Grigg, Ari Hausfeld, Amy Heneghan, Julie Hohm, Teresa Kang, Michelle Kladakis, Kristen Lewandoski, Jenny Liao, Cristen McVey, Kimberly Meisten, Amy Miller, Beth Miller, Kimberly Newman, Betsy Olesch, Emily Olesch, Laura Opper, Jenny Pollok, Preet Hansra, Genny Roberts, Pati Shanahan, Kate Shaw, Lisa Sherwin, Sumira Singh, Jaime Sklar, Cindy Stein, Jia Stephens, Anne Stuker, Deb Wong, Aimee Wessels, Emily Yang, Cat Yohe

Key Club members Tony Farfan and Kirk O'Connor listen to proposed ideas.

We Serve our Community

Keyettes and Key Club

It used to be that the Key Club was for guys and Keyettes was a girls club. This year at Woodson it changed. This year both clubs enjoyed coed memberships.

Both of these community service groups were kept busy with various projects throughout the year. They certainly lived up to their motto, "We serve." Both clubs made visits to Fairfax Nursing home to visit and entertain the elderly. They also helped out with the Fairfax Fall Fair.

The Keyettes participated in many activities, including helping the Northern Virginia Training Center with its Walk-a-thon and Development games. A new project was the Keyettes "request box" in which teachers could re-

"We serve"

quest members to help with classroom chores. Then there were the annual projects including teacher Appreciation Day and the Blood donation drive. At Christmas, toys and ornaments were made and taken to children staying at Fairfax Hospital.

The Key Club also had its share of service projects which were organized by president Jennifer Libby, vice-president Alyssa DeLuttis, treasurer Doug Horne, secretary Christine Nowacek, and sponsor, Mrs. Green. Highlights of the year included a visit to a nursing home on Halloween. At Christmas time, the club sold candy canes to raise money for the homeless.

This goes to show you that there is a lot of community service to be done in Fairfax County and these Woodson clubs certainly did their share of the work.

by Cheryl An

Keyettes President Rachel Salas looks over the agenda for the meeting.

Zully Prieto takes time out from her schedule to help with Keyette services.

It's an Affair...

International Affairs Club

The W.T. Woodson International Affairs club, since its inception in 1967, has annually participated in many of the national and local model United Nations. This year Woodson's IAC sent many enthusiastic, amateur diplomats to models at Harard, Georgetown, and New York.

Member participation and dedication remained constant throughout the entire year.

The IAC hosted two Woodson Model United Nations. Forty-three members turned out for the fall model. Member participation and dedication to international study remained constant throughout the entire year.

In addition to the model U.N.'s, the IAC had the opportunity to hear many guest speakers, to visit Embassies, to attend international dinners, and to tour the U.N. Information Center in Washington, D.C. Included among the various guest speakers were Mr. Herrmann and Mr. Albrecht from the Office of Comptroller, an Angolan expert from the Sate Department, and Delegate Dillard from the Virginia House of Delegates.

For those students who were dedicated to pursuing a career in international relations, the International Affairs club provided the background and motivation needed for success.

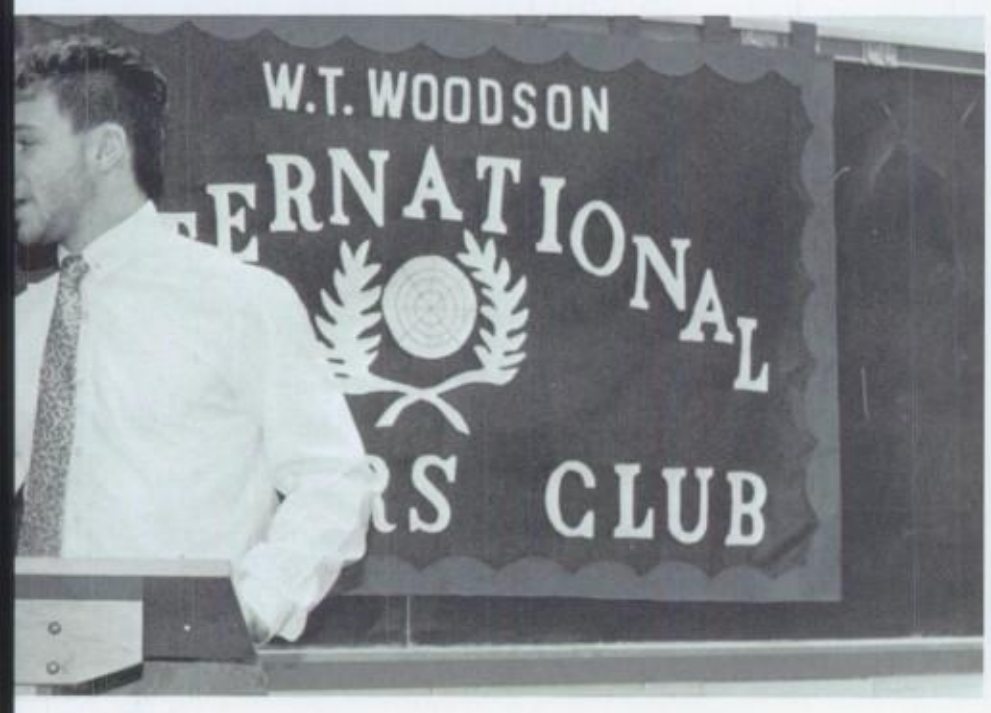
By Raymond M. Boyd

Italian representatives Laurence Srinivasan and Julie Herman listen to speakers during a model U.N.

Speaking for Great Britain, Mark Tompson delivers his case.

Money keeps coming in for Tom Phillips, Ray Boyd, and David Nay during an IAC bake sale.

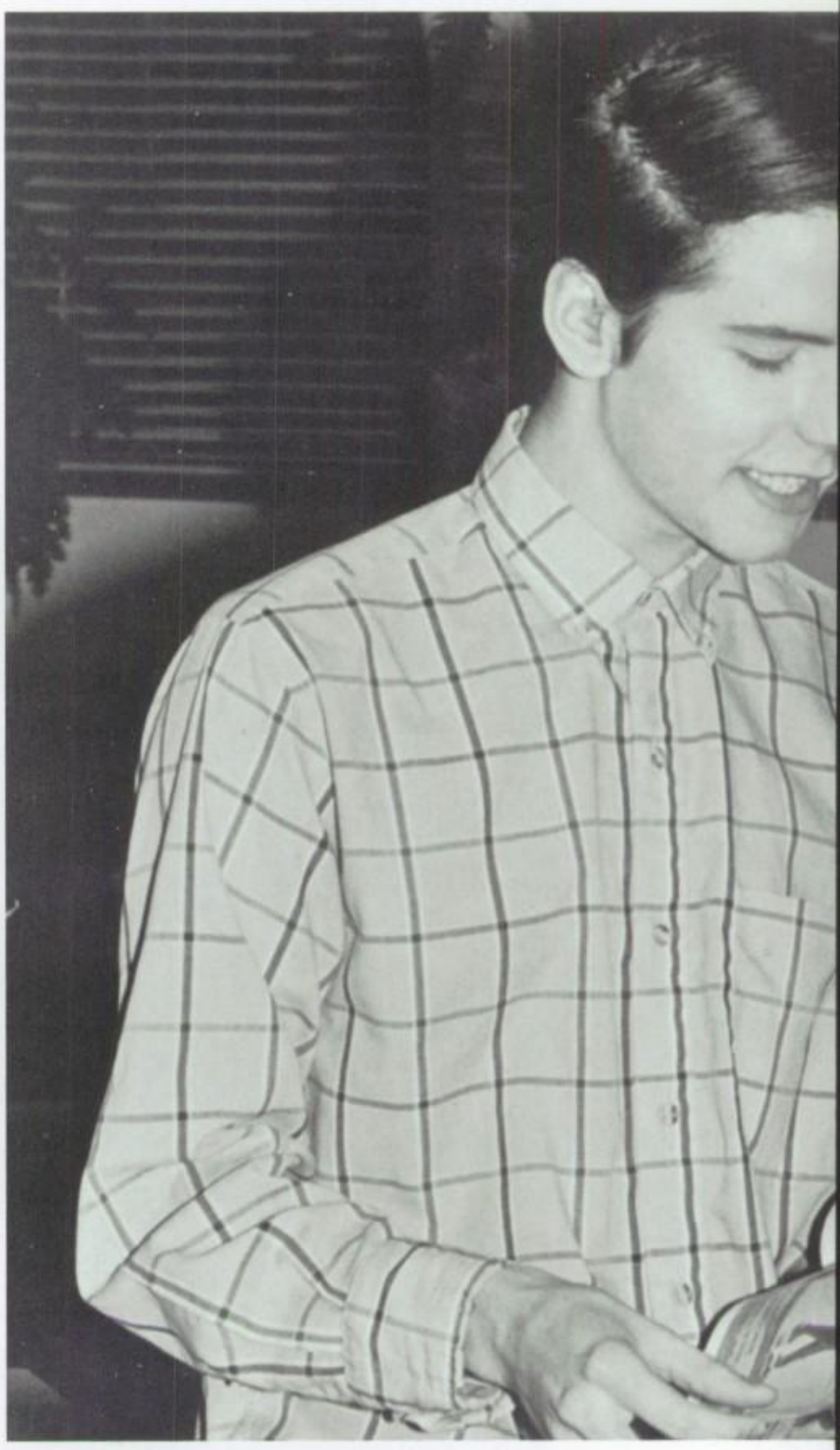
International Affairs club President Raymond Boyd; vice-president Mark Witecki; secretary Kay Maeng; treasurer David Nay; advisor Carl Kugler; John Rozzell, Tom Phillips, Richard Phillips, Kay Maeng, Dimitris Kapsis, Mark Thompson, Dan Werbel, Christy Dillard, Laurence Srinivasan, Julie Herman, Ron Morehead, Ben Kroop, Natalie Jefferson, Amy Miller, Seth Notes, Rebecca Garratt, Brain Allaire, Tia Dalton, Holly Pfaff, Claire Barrett, Clark Cagey, Lisa Luck, Karen Frame, Steve Saari, Tim Nee, Ameet Patel, John Walser, J.P. Lacy, Eric Geibel, David Hemmings, Kris Bough, Susan Pope, Richard Petro, Chi Nguyen, John Warren, Dagmar Hegensbach



DECA President Celeste Cordova; Ian Chun, vice-president; Jodi Climo,secretary; Rosemary Matola, treasurer; reporter, Jeannie Mong; Kieth Arvo, Meesha Brickson, Mitch Buncher, Brad Bushman, Doug Cedor, Krissy Chapman, Mark Chovan, Michael Clark, Debbie Crinkilton, Steve Cummings, Sheila Fabrie, Jeff Hill, Caroline Kunz, Kirk Lilly, Jenny Manton, Michelle Mann, Peter Merica, Sean Newton, Laura Nordness, Brad Renick, Kelly Simmons, Mark Smith, Mark Ackermon, Laura Burd, Chris Cardiff, Missy Fellenz, Kyle Jackson, Jimmy Joyce, Jinee Kim, Michelle LaMarche, Carine McCandless, Eric Newhart, Rob Opfer, Andrea Price, Peter Rappe, Chris Reynolds, Missy Seamon, Amy Shisler, Julie Smith, Dan Swinney, Marcia Thomas, Laila Vincent, Catherine Chopp, Kristen Eizenhoefer, Vanessa Eldredge, Kelli Hochhalter, Christine Horn, Alicia Metzger, Tram Nguyen, Kristin O'Connor, Sinae Pak, Jennifer Quinones, Laura Scharett, Dawn Schmidt, Kristen Talley, Lan Vu, Elizabeth Wilson, Susan Yoo, Angela Albright, Tammy Ayers, Suzanne Blanchfield, David Bleecker, Elizabeth Brinkerhoff, Theresa Gee, Christian Hunter, Leslie Jones, Terri Leonhardi, Cidney Quenzel, Natalie Rogers, Kathleen Short, Kimberly Van Deursen, Patricia Winne, Jennifer Wuebker, Shannon Bookhultz, Hanna Chang, Vinuta Chennareddy, Rhonda Conn, Wendy Duncan, Tricia Flemming, Nancy Ford, Krista Grigg, Elizabeth Jaudon, Katherine Jenkins, Kerry O'Leary, Christine Parker, Lori Rapson, Shannon Sullivan, Leigh Turner, Kyung Yoo

On the dinner cruise in New York, DECA members Rosemary Mottola, Leigh Turner, Jodi Climo, and David Bleecker have fun.

Keith George, Patricia Blood, Katherine Gehman, Jennifer Tavacol, Cathy Flaherty, Michelle Bahler, Tara Ferris, Georgia Jarman, Heather Dolby, Reneę Leshan, Julie Wonus, Laura LeGory, Bret Dennis, Rachel Legum, Ashley Williams, Kristen Lewandowski, Andy Xenos, Tiffany Simmons, Jessica Lieberman, Jeff Tollus, Christie Yang, Joe Romano, Allison Welch, Stacey Harrington, Chris Yanarell, Denise Barker, Sean Newborn, Shawn Jester, Eric Newhart, David Gudinas, Darlene Hughlett, Anne Westfall, Kerry McGrath, Renee Nelson, Martha Moshides, Debbie Healy, Shernita Rochelle, Suzie Blanchfield, Leone Marcus, Brad Fenner, Bobby Scherrer, Jennifer Kohut, Dan Turner, Steve Holtz, Keith Calabresse, David Nay, Carrie Haskins, Jennie Aldhizer, Katherine Anderson, Bill Armstrong, Collette Ayres, Jennifer Barnett, Mitch Barrett, Tim Barton, Kristen Bautz, Shannon Bell, Lisa Berk, Alexis Berthelsen, Penny Bessor, Diane Birkland, Tonya Bolton, Trent Bowers, Sean Boyd, Cheree Brazzeal, Meesha Brickson, Heather Bryan, Julie Bumar, Julie Burton, Shanna Busman, Esma Cagatay, Shannon Cake, Bill Campbell, Anne Carr, Lane Clopper, Gary Cole, Kathleen Combs, Renee Converse, Lisa Cooper, Jeneth Cottrell, Chuck Covington, Crystal Cox, Joe Crabill, Andy Criswell, Dan Cunningham, Thomas Dale, Doreen Daniel, Perry Day, Susan DeFrees, Kristy DeLeonardis, T.D. Dittemore, Jeff Ditmer, Megan Donahue, Danny Dove, Angie Doyle, Matt Duff, Lofty Durham, Maria D'Errico, Kristen Eizenhoefer, Jason Entich, Demyan Falcone, Dana Falsetti, Lisa Falsetti, Patrick Fink, Jennifer Finley, Katherine Fisher, Joe Fortunato, Blake Frazier, Brett Freeman, Eric Geibel, Darin Gleason, Rick Goldsmith, Christine Griffey, Krista Grigg, Marguerite Gully, Deena Hacker, Tom Hamilton, Albert Han, Paul Hansen, Preet Hansra, Reynold Harbin, John Hartingh, Bob Havlu, Tracey Hayes, Eric Hazzard, Debbie Heimlich, Shelley Henley, Natasha Hennessy, Stacey Herrington, Sovanna Hiep, Tara Hollins, Spring Hollis, Doug Horne, Debra Houry, Lucy Hoyos, Kristen Hubbe, Trang Huynh, Keith Irwin, Robert Johnson, Chris Jones, John Kern, Charlotte Kidd, Deborah Kim, Jennifer King, Kyle Koontz, Tammy Kroop, Kristen LaMorte, Garrison Lane, Elizabeth Law, Matt Lee, Mike Lee, Rebekah Lee, Marcus Leone, Regan Levey, Kristen Lopanski, Kristen Mackey, Chris Magoulas, Jennifer Manton, Drew Marvin, Stephanie Matrat, Tara Mc Ardle, Amy McBride, Tim McQuary, Tess Meyer, Amie Miller, Mary Miller, Kelly Moore, Shawn Mullen, Debra Neely, Vicki Nelms, Julie Newton, Scott Newton, Thang Nguyen, Derek Nicely, Ann Nicogossian, Andy Northam, Jill Nosker, John Ogles, Erik Olson, Lars Olson, Robert Opfer, Mike Palmer, Chris Parker, Brooke Payne, Michelle Peters, Eric Peterson, Richard Petro, Jennifer Pohutsky, Kristin Polhemus, Chris Pollard, Tricia Popular, Mike Powers, Candace Preast, Jennifer Purdy, Peter Rappe, Lori Rapson, Mark Reemlin, Jeff Rhodes, Ashley Riggs, Kathy Rinaldi, Kristen Riwald, Allison Ross, Mike Rudd, Bill Schipper, Ingrid Schmidt, Linda Schneider, Jef Schnore, Beau Schwarberger, Walter Secora, Kate Shaw, Natalie Shepherd, Rob Shields, Chris Siebert, Faith Sigler, Virginia Simmons, Jason Simpson, Sumira Singh, Jay Smith, Jeremy Speakes, Julie Speights, Eric Stallard, Kiki Steinberg, Nancy Stengel, Jia Stephens, David Sugg, Jeff Tackett, Kristen Talley, Laura Tavacol, Karen Taylor, Linda Taylor, Sharon Taylor, Julie Tollus, Thao Tran, Debbie Weisman, Joy Wells, Erik Whitestone, Jay Williams, Beth Winston, Gretchen Wittig, Mark Woody, Mike Woolever, Chia-Ling Yang, Mike Yatsko, Alex Young



For these FBLA members it is business as usual.

DECA member David Bleecker glances through a fashion magazine.

Minding Our Business

FBLA and DECA

For those students who aspired to careers in business, Future Business Leaders of America and Distributive Education Club of America provided the opportunity to participate in business related activities. Students in business classes made up the FBLA club and students taking Fashion Merchandising or Marketing made up DECA.

FBLA had approximately 250 members. They held meetings once a month during their business classes. During meetings they watched business related movies, talked about fundraising activities and listened to guest speakers from Katherine Gibbs Business School.

Over the course of the year FBLA participated in various activities and fundraisers. For the holiday season they sold cookie tins, candies and Christmas ornaments. In November they had their annual "Picnic" banquet. They also fared well in FBLA competitions for the regional and state levels which led to the national competition over the summer. FBLA's goals for the year were to develop an appreciation of American free-enterprise and to explore business careers. Tricia Popular explained her reason for becoming an FBLA member, "To expand my knowledge of the business world." Throughout the year FBLA accomplished a great deal.

DECA was one of the most active clubs in our school. Their 100 members often participated in fundraising activities, such as selling candy for their trip to New York. They sold their famous DECA dogs at homecoming and on Valentine's day they sold carnations for friends and sweethearts. They also participated in competitions and held a fashion show in the spring.

DECA took their annual New York fashion trip in December. While in New York, they visited several fashion designers and showrooms. Other highlights included a stop on Broadway to see "Cats" or "Starlight Express," a dinner cruise and of course, quite a bit of shopping.

DECA provided opportunities for involvement in leadership and vocational skills. In general, DECA gave its members the opportunity to have social and business relationships.

Providing opportunities in leadership and vocational skills

Woodson students joined FBLA and DECA because the clubs gave insight in what the future could hold for their careers. Members found along the way that their participation in these clubs was fun too!

By Aliza Seelig

Eva Regnier, Caroline Steele, and Amy Hendricks discuss their next English competition.

Captains Eva Regnier and Yvonne Yang; Diana Waldron, secretary; Caroline Steele, treasurer; Geoff Coulter, Scott Colby, Tommy Gresko, Mindy Gompel, Amy Hendricks, Debbi Howry, Young Kim, Tom Klinger, Michelle Kladakis, Katherine Liao, Jin Soo Lim, Seung Lim, Jon Marin, Betsy Olesch, Ameet Patel, Jon Scherer, Pat Sheehan, Jen Slusher, Sandy Yatsko, Sandy Yu

An Intellectual Experience

English Team

Vocabulary, analogies, reading comprehension, sentence completions and spelling made up just five of the many categories in which the English team competed. There were not any requirements to be a member, although all who joined enjoyed English. According to team sponsor Mrs. Leibowitz, the English team created an atmosphere of camaraderie and competition among people who shared an interest and a degree of expertise in English.

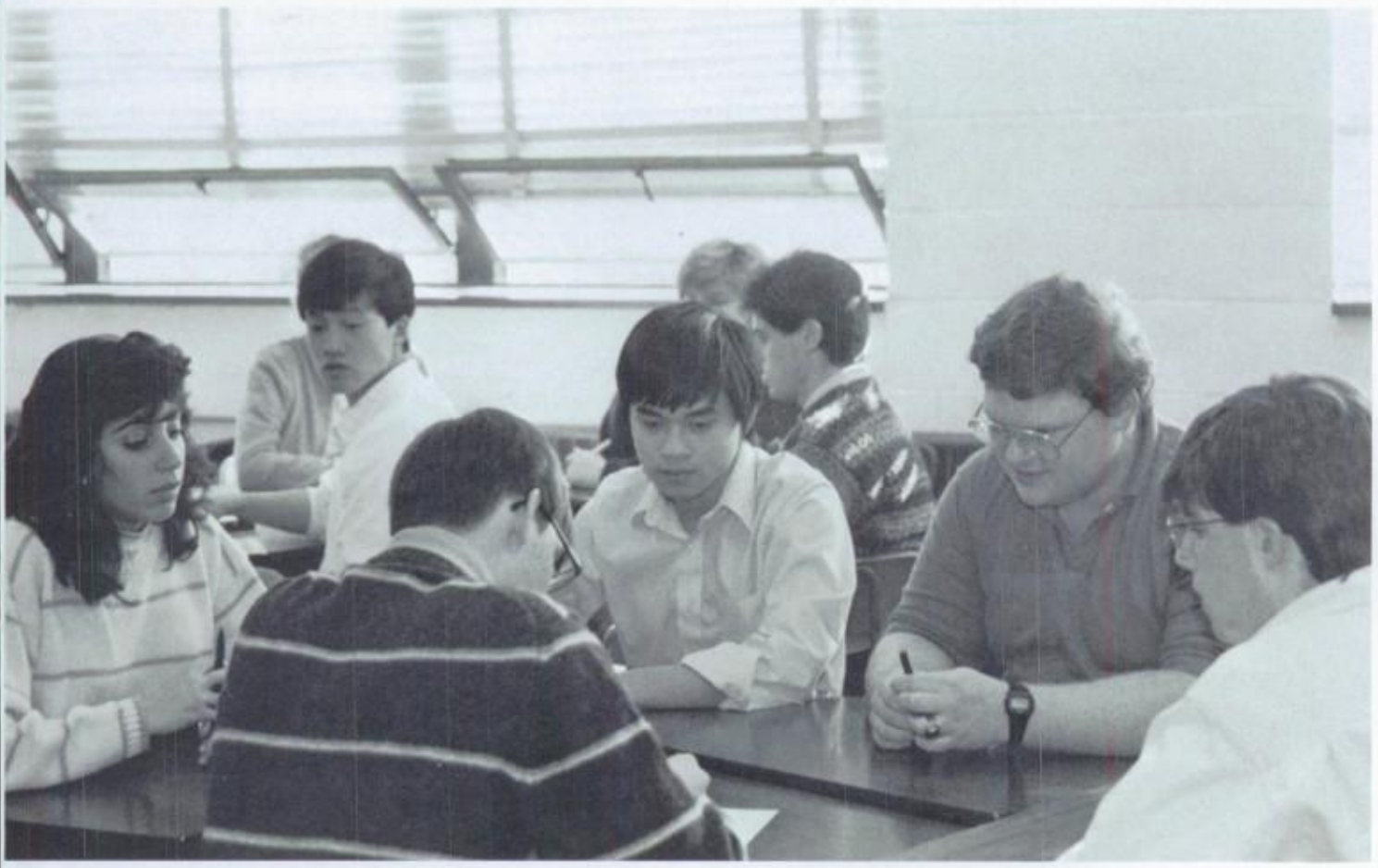
Once a week in room L-4 the team met to practice for their three county-wide meets. To do well in these meets, the members of each team of five had to have confidence in their own ability to work as a team. The members of each team proved this by doing well in the meets.

The English team did not only practice and compete throughout the year. Other activities included two bake sales, a spelling contest, Willy-grams delivery (Shakespeare quote-sending) in honor of Shakespeare's birthday and an end of the year pizza party.

The English team was definitely for those who found pleasure in knowing and enjoying a challenge. Eva Regnier, team co-captain explained why she joined the team, "It was fun. It was like a game to me."

"It was fun. It was like a game to me."

By Aliza Seelig



English team members Debbi Houry, Young Kim, Tom Klinger, Geoff Coulter, and Pat Sheehan wait for instructions.

Count on Us

Varsity and J.-varsity Math Teams

Made up of students ranging from Algebra II to Calculus BC, the Varsity math team consisted of over 213 students who participated in 27 contests throughout the year. Math team also offered its members several other competitions, including the Statewide Math Contest, the Mathematics Association of America Exam, and the Duke University Math Invitational.

"...the challenge was enough to keep them coming back"

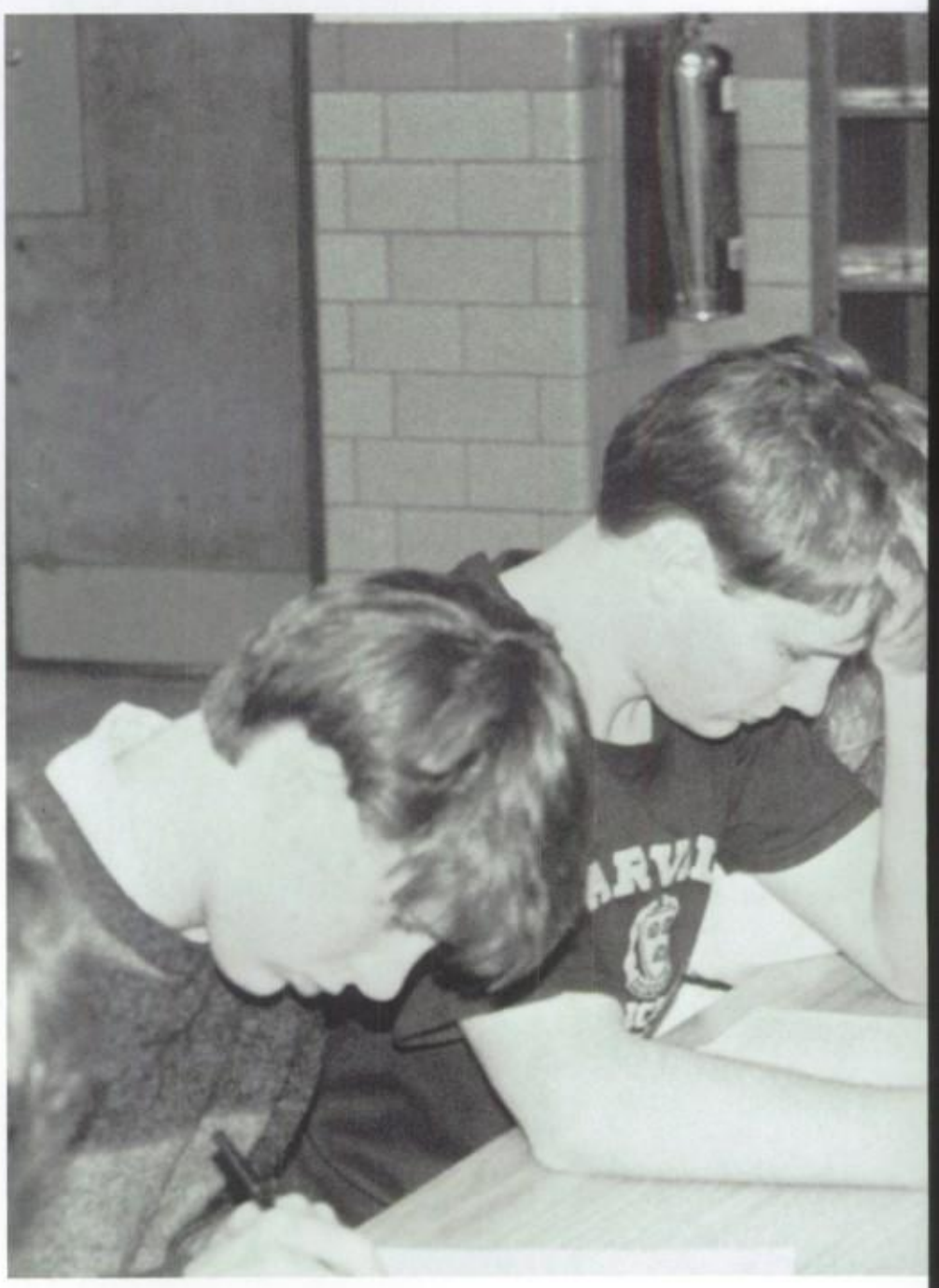
The co-captains for the Varsity math team were Tom Phillips and Joel Allen; Olivier Garamfalvi was the statistician. These officers along with sponsor Mr. Andre Sampson worked to extend the winning string and to have an equal ratio of girls to boys (the boys held a majority on the team).

Students joined both the Varsity and j.v-teams for many reasons. Pat McElhone explained, "Most people joined the math team for bonus points given by math teachers, but the challenge was enough to keep them coming back." The math team also helped students to do well on SAT's and PSAT's.

With 20 members on the j.v. math team this year, the students took part in seven different contests which consisted of algebra and geometry problems. Sandy Thourot headed as j.v.-team captain.

All in all both teams had a successful year. The challenge of the teams really did keep members involved.

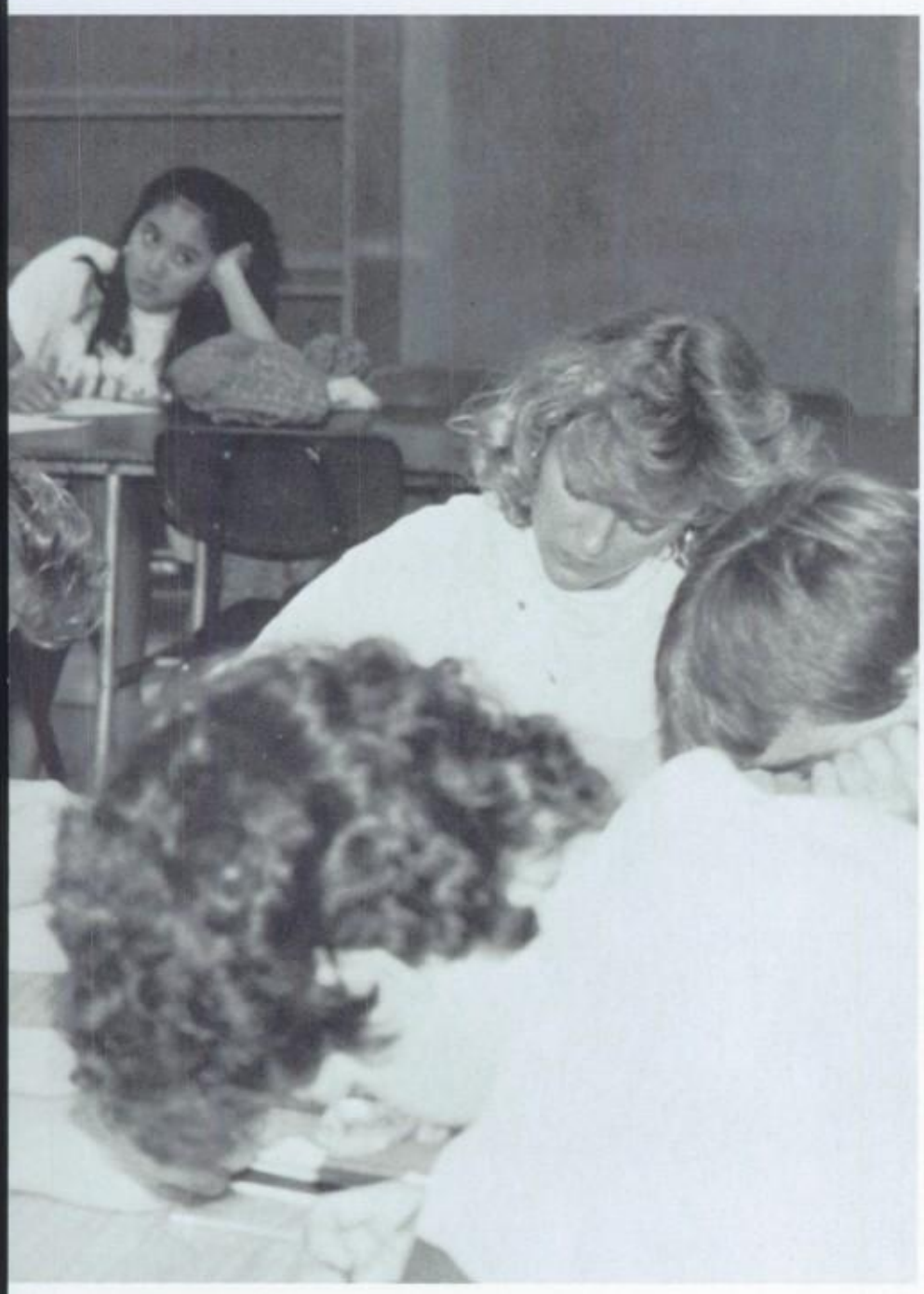
By Mindy Gampel



Upper right. The challenge kept Kyung Yoo, Vinuta Chennareddy, and Rachael Salas coming back.

Concentration is required of Tom Phillips, Joel Allen, and Cindi Hite.

Varsity Math team co-captains Joel Allen and Tom Phillips; statistician Olivier Garamfalva; Jeff Altman, David Arms, Mitch Barret, David Bartlett, Karen Bautz, Jon Beam, Jonathan Boes, Lisa Bongiovi, Laura Bowes, Chip Bridgman, Richard Bullington, Megan Burski, Chris Cannon, Jerry Cannon, Jennifer Carrico, Chett Carroll, Natasha Chamberlain, Hea Chang, Jill Changizi, Vinuta Chennareddy, Scott Chesbrough, Martin Chian, Hyeon Choi, Yoon Choi, Yun Choi, Kathy Claasen, Kai Clements, Bob Clickner, Sam Coffing, Deb Colavito, Scott Colby, Gary Cole, Heath Corso, Geoff Coulter, James DePoy, Heidi Deringer, Tom Devine, Tom Do, Kyle Doherty, Brian Dunne, Scott Eargle, Diane Egede-Nissen, Steve Ehernberg, Matt Elder, Matt Fadoul, David Finberg, Matt Findley, Debbie Fisher, Brian Fox, Chris French, Alex Fry, Anne Marie Galdo, Mindy Gampel, Rick Goldsmith, Ray Good, Jeremy Green, Steve Gunsior, Ruth Hamervold, Albert Han, Doo Jin Han, Grace Han, Jea Han, David Harris, Kevin Harrison, Keith Hartigan, Amy Hendricks, Dagmar Hengesbach, Shelley Henley, Bob Hicks, Cindy Hite, Krissy Hoffman, Jenny Hontz, Marie Hooshand, Bill Horrowitz, Debra Houry, Ricardo Hoyos, Erin Jeoffards, Mark Jenkins, Mike Jenkins, Kim Jones, Jennifer Juul, Kim Kapsis, John Kern, Jimmy Kim, Young Kim, Jack Kinoff, Michelle Kladakis, Bill Klaus, Walter Klaus, Tom Klinger, Janine Knapp, Bill Ko, Phillip Ko, Ben Kroop, Kristin Kunstel, Costas Lallas, Scott Lange, Jenny Lapp, Thu Le, Amy Leary, Mark Lee, Sukgyu, Brook Leonard, Mark Lettman, Katherine Liao, Jin soo Lim, Carlos Linares, Matt Manning, Glen Mazza, Jon McAllister, Jarrett McCleskey, Allison McCurdy, Pat McElhone, Cristin McVey, Marie Mendoza, Amy Miller, Karyn Miller, Helen Moss, David Nay, Rita Nee, Michael Nelson, Henry Nguyen, Quocanh Nguyen, Thang Nguyen, Tina Nguyen, Seth Notes, Kirk O'Connor, Bill O'Donnell, Kevin O'Rourke, Betsy Olesch, Tyler Ormsby, Alan Pao, Yun Mi Park, Ameet Patel, Tom Pavik, Jodi Phillips, Richard Phillips, Amy Pospichal, Eric Raecke, Jenny Reed, Patti Reeder, Eva Regnier, Acif Rehman, Eric Resnick, Brad Rhodes, Matt Rhodes, Kathryn Rim, Genny Roberts, Paul Robinson, Tamara Sacks, Zachary Sacks, Rachel Salas, Mike Scarborough, Jon Scherrer, Mark Schneider, Loren Schwartz, Aliza Seelig, Cheryl Seward, Dan Shanahan, Rob Shields, Stuart Shih, Barbara Shirley, Matt Smith, Sarah Smith, Tonya Smithson, George Stankevich, Neal Stevens, Randy Strong, Melissa Stuart, Mike Stuart, Cate Suries, Tran Thao, Susan Tseng, Jennie Uhlmann, Peter Van Nuys, Nga Van, Kath Vann, Diana Waldron, Debbie Weisman, Paul Welter, Dan Werbel, Anne Westfall, Lara Wheeler, Randy Williams, Beth Winston, Mark Witecki, Justine Wolfe, Roslyn Wolfe, Debbie Wong, Gena Wright, Emily Yang, Joseph Yang, Mike Yang, Yvonne Yang, Sandy Yatsko, Lee Yezek, Catherine Yobe, David Yoo, Kum Yoo, Kyung Yoo, Jeoog Yoon, Dan Young, Sandy Yu, Jim Zois



J.V. Math team Captain Sandy Thourot; Kristina Bartlett, Derek Baxter, Daniel Budiansky, Chi-an Chung, Sami Clark, Danny Ellison, Peter Faggen, Tabitha Green, Jamie Gunsior, Trang Huynh, Jeff Jones, Kristin Kennedy, David Krajezynski, Eva Loh, Linh Nguyen, William Nguyen, Mark Phillips, Tiffany Purcell, Elizabeth Stephens, Andrew Su, Dana Su, Dave Sugg.

Safety is Us

SADD and Safety Council

Two clubs, Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) and the Safety Council formed so that teenagers could be better informed of the dangers of drinking and driving and not wearing seat belts.

SADD began this year with a club membership drive and the election of officers. Treasury funds were used to buy a banner for the club. This year's elected officers included

"Safety was our top priority."

president Jennifer Brown and vice-president Mark Thompson.

SADD had many activities which promoted safe driving throughout the year. In November, members of SADD made announcements over the intercom wishing everyone a safe trip to and from the Sadie Hawkins dance. As the winter holidays rolled around, some of the members worked with the area-wide Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) to cut holiday ribbons. These ribbons were distributed to Giant Food Stores and to other high schools in the area as a reminder not to drink and drive. Students used the ribbons to tie onto the left side of automobiles.

Prior to each holiday, posters could be found on the school walls from both SADD and Safety Council asking students to please be aware of their responsibilities as drivers.

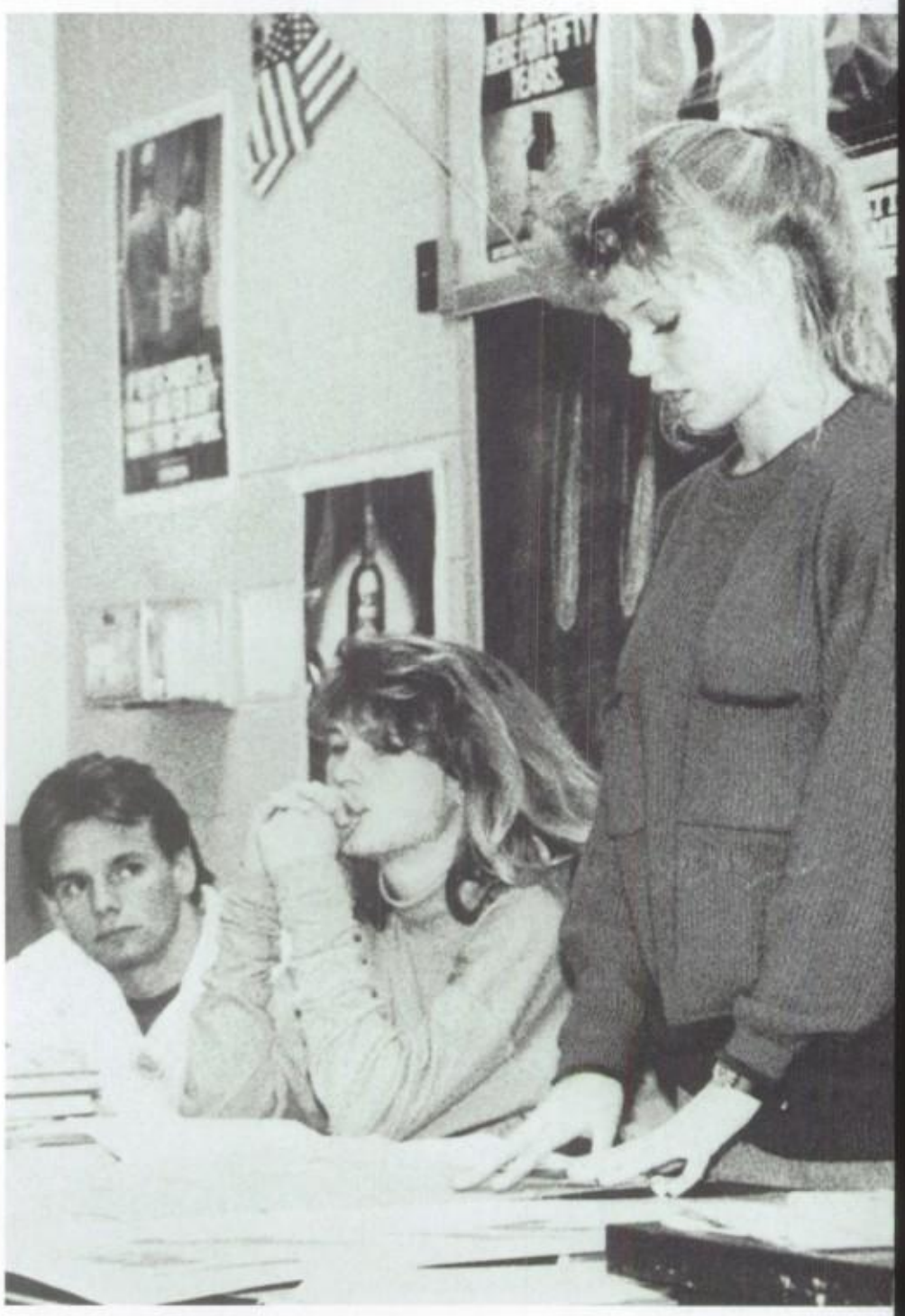
The Safety Council entered a poster contest about seat belts this past year and also sent one representative to a summer camp to learn more about the club's responsibilities in the school.

"Safety is our top priority," said the council's secretary Tina Hong.

The club also sponsored a safety belt check in the spring and the club arranged a mock accident at school.

Both SADD and Safety Council met with good response to all the activities they held during the school year.

By Inger Brown and Jennifer Dreyer



Some SADD meetings dealt with serious events.

Safety Council president Erica Baisch; vice-president Sam Wagner; secretary Tina Hong; treasurer Jean Cahill;Alyssa DeLutis, Young Kim

The SADD Club has many active members.

At a SADD meeting president Jennifer Brown gets the attention of other SADD members including Kyle Koontz, Jode Osborn, Vicky Meginley, and Christine Griffey.

Exposing Our Talents

Drama and Choral

This playful cast of Scott Adamson, Holly Good, Robert Johnson, Heath Corso, Joy Bleeker, and Dottie Barton joke around on the set.

While Woodson may not be the Julliard School for the Arts, our Choral and Drama departments did a great job to hide that fact. This year both clubs stressed student input, which created more student interest in the materials worked on.

In Choral, students picked their own music from pop to classical tunes.

"It's been a long time since I've worked with a good comedy."

Popular pieces they sang included "Starmaker" and "Always." They also worked on some religious pieces which they sang outside of school performances. One occasion was the Old Time Christmas at a church in Harper's Ferry.

The winter holidays season continued to be a busy time for the choral. They travelled to a preschool for a Christmas show with a special appearance from Shawn Porter as Santa Clause. On December 22, they also put on a winter holidays concert with the band for the school.

Over the course of the year, choral had several fundraisers, including bake sales, M&M sales, and wrapping paper sales. The money was used to buy music and to help fund trips, including their spring travel to King's Dominion. Tricia Bass described that, "It's fun. We always do different activities and go to fun places."

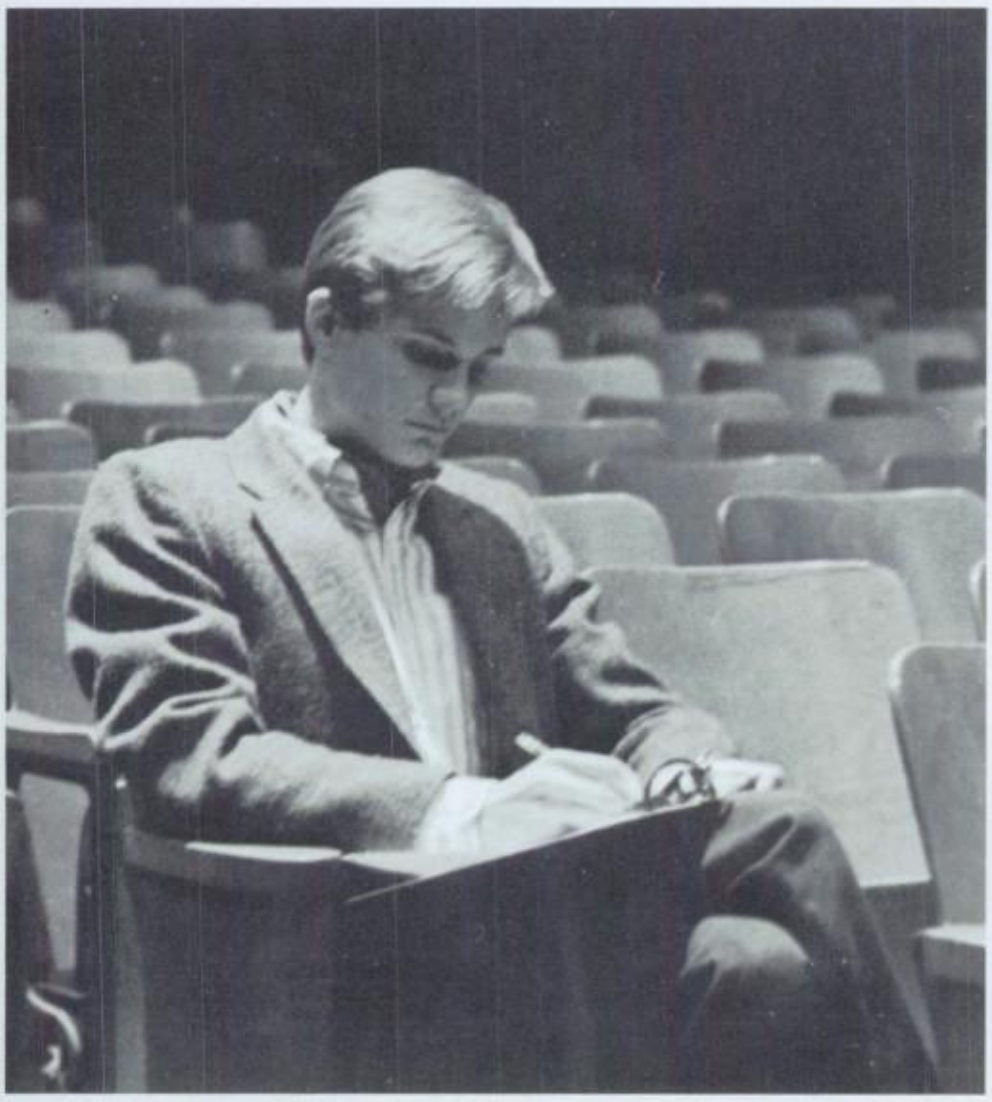
Drama, too had another great year of works. They started early in the school year working on their showcase one act play. The play, "At an Exhibition", was a collection of skits written or made up by the students, including comedy routines, dramatic presentations, dance, and choral and instrumental works. Later in the year they slightly revised their play and used it to compete in the Fairfax County One Act Play Festival.

The Drama department put on the plays *Noises Off* and *A Chorus Line* as their winter and spring productions. The hillarious play *Noises Off*, student directed by Jodie Phillips, contained a play within the play. Audiences laughed the whole way through. Ray Good commented, "It's been a long time since I've worked with a good comedy. It's rewarding because it's easy to get a reaction from the audience of how they like it with a comedy."

Workshops began in early February for *A Chous Line*. Jennifer Juul and Ray Good helped students work on a song and Jennifer Johnson helped with some dance instruction for the auditions. Once the musical was cast, a former Broadway performer came to choreograph the dancing, to make the show a spectacular success.

By Emily Allen

Choir members warm up before practicing with the band for the Winter Holidays Concert.



On a break from rehearsal, Ray Good takes some notes.

Tricia Bass, Jon Beam, Kim Bladen, Polly Browder, Sami Clark, Lisa Cosentino, Noelle Datrilo, Lisa Davis, Perry Day, Krista Grigg, Leah Gutensohn, Stacie Handros, Stacy Harris, Won Jae Hong, Maggie Jarman, Jennifer Kersten, Jennifer Leone, Amy Mayer, Kim Meister, Lisa Michaelis, Amy Miller, Tracey Miller, Jill O'Donnell, Jeanne O'Bard, Shawn Porter, Jennifer Reno, Kathy Shanahan, Meghan Sullivan, Shanon Sullivan, Brien Thorpe, Wendy Vivian, April Webb, Allison Williams, Claire Willoughby, Leslie Wilson, Sandy Yu.

Woodson's most expressive and dramatic students join the Drama Club.

Get a Handel on It

Orchestra

How many people could stand to practice a musical instrument for at least half an hour every day? All of the members of the Orchestra, both beginners who met fifth period, and advanced musicians who met sixth period under the tutelege of Mrs. Melodie Thomas, did. In addition, they met after school for rehearsals once a week, and different sections met about once a week to practice playing together.

"I liked the involvement and I liked music."

The Orchestra mostly focused on classical music, with some contemporary and jazzy, upbeat music for a change of pace. At Christmas time, they performed Handel's "Messiah." When the Visiting Committee came to evaluate our school, the Orchestra played at the banquet for committee members. Orchestra classes spent time preparing for a fall concert, a spring concert, a holiday concert in conjuction with the chorus, and the Orchestra Festival in spring, where they received a grade for their performance.

Through a point system, Orchestra members could earn certificates, bars or school letters. Attendance at a classical concert was worth five points, for example. Once a member earned a certain amount of points, he received a letter.

Being a member of Orchestra was more than practice and points. Cheryl Seward said, "I liked being part of a group...I liked the involvement and I liked music."

By Terry Stryer

The orchestra quiets as John Buchanan and David Yoo prepare to perform a duet.

(Top) Two celloists concentrate on their music and their instruments.

Every member has a certain part in the orchestra, including Jeong Yoon.

Orchestra members, John Buchanan, Margaret Craig, Tia Dalton, Sung Eun, Molly Fasick, Elizabith Goodwin, Erin Hansen, Laura Johnson, Hae-Kyung Lee, Joan Lee, Joon Lee, Mark Lee, Beth Miller, Melanie Moser, Ju Park, Lieske Robert, Cheryl Seward, Soo-Jung Song, Emily Yang, Frances Ybanez, David Yoo, John Yoo, Jeong Yoon, Kai Clements, Elizabeth Jones, Frida Kim, Linh Nguyen, Anne Rowsey, Traci Suter

Drum Major Eric Raecke;Flutes: Kristina Bartlett, Laura Bowes, Stacie Campbell, Teresa Cary, Jill Changizi, Abby Gragg, Kim Jones, Curtissa McDougal, Holly Miller, Renee Nelson, Jennifer Quin, Lisa Sherwin, Michelle Smith, Gena Wright;Clarinets: Diane Champagny, Lori Davis, Dan Ellison, Tracey Farias, Amy Feder, Laura Hart, Mike Jenkins, Kristin Kennedy, Kim Seong, Steve Klaus, Kristen Lekstrom, John Linares, Kim Maxie, Christy Meister, Laura Miller, Josh Quarles, Tamara Sacks, Mike Scarborough, Pam Smith, Kim Svec Sandy Thourot, Tommy Tompkins, Brian Walsh, Andrea Yontz, Kacey Young;Alto Saxes: Adair Cook, David Glad, Heather Haddow, Meredith Huston, Mark Jenkins, Mia McKeta, DeNon Porter, Megan Shisler, Abby Symonds, Andrew Taylor, Brian Wheeler;Tenor Sax: Kristy Branstetter, Gary Cole, Tom Do, Chris Durham, Brenda Harris, Wendy Vellrath;Trumpets: David Ballard, Matt Fadoul, Brian Jilg, Carlos Linares, Tom Remus, Brian Russell, Zachary Sacks, Steven Segal, Mark Schneider, Matt Smith, Paul Stine, Tom Brian;Horns: Mike Barnett, Lisa Bongiovi, Susan Durham, Bridget Fancher, Heather Ferguson, Jeremy Green, Krissy Hoffman, Carine McCandless;Trombones: David Bartlett, Chris Cannon, Glenn Cavert, Jeff Jones, Joe Laun;Baritone Horn: Kurt Frogale, Matt MKarcus, Robert McClinton, Melinda McMillen, Jeff Wuilliez;Tubas: James Brennan, Greg Feder, Matt Findley, Mike Herndon, Brian Lenzmeier;Percussion: Joe Arnstein, Michelle Barrett, Lisa Bowes, Kelly Bowman, Charlie Burke, Browyn Cook, Denny D'Alelio, Beth Farner, Kerry Frey, Ben Gauslin, Matt Groves, Chris Guerre, Giti Khalsa, Scott Lange, Scott Lenzmeier, Karyn Miller, Kristian Murphy, Matt Saunders, Karen Scobie, Tom Sherwood, Mike Solomon, Tammy Tompkins, Marc Welsh, Amy Wisgerhoff, Justine Wolfe

Above. Band director John Casagrande and clinician Kevin instruct the band's every move.

At attention, drum major Eric Raecke prepares to begin the show.

Right in Step

Marching Band and Colorguard

Marking time, Greg Feder claps out the beat for the tuba section.

"Let's hear it sung louder!"

No, this was not a chorus practice. This was the marching band and this was the year that the marching band sang. The show included Stravinsky's "Firebird," "When You Wish Upon a Star," "Zipadee do da," the Mickey Mouse club theme song and Bernstein's "Cowboys."

The band's season began with band camp. August days were spent marching eight-to-five up and down the black top, marking off coordinates and learning guard work.

"Lake Braddock does calisthenics for an entire hour each day. Let's see some improvement, or else!" Mr. Casagrande would threaten.

Led by Drum Major Eric Raecke, the band began competing on a high "note." At the Oakton Classic Competition the band took all of the trophies in the AAA class as well as the Grand Champion trophy. October was the busiest month, as the marchers prepared for and attended the Mount Vernon Classic Competition, and VBODA showcase, and held the Liberty Classic competition at the Pat Cunningham stadium. The season closed with the Orange Invitational Marching Band Competition from which the band took away the majority of the trophies.

"We learned a lot more than just good posture and eye-foot coordination."

Between practices and performances, the band members still had time to have fun. They created a winning Snoopy float and went on a ski trip in January.

"You had a lot of obligations when you were a band member. One of the greatest was having to raise money," explained treasurer Teresa Cary. "Luckily, everyone did his part."

Through fundraisers, the band raised money for trips, new uniforms, instruments and equipment. In its second Tag Day, the band raised over $10,000 from residents of Fairfax County. In December, the band upheld its tradition of selling citrus fruits and turkeys.

Band president Wendy Vellrath summed up the band experience best by saying, "We learned a lot more than just good posture and eye-foot coordination. We learned respect, appreciation, how to win and how to accept defeat, and how to set goals and work to achieve them."

by Jennifer Bryson

Band seniors:front row:Matt Smith,Brian Russell; second row:Carlos Linares,Brian Jilg,Gary Cole,Eric Raecke,Greg Feder,Jennifer Bryson,Wendy Vellrath; third row:Mark Jenkins,David Bartlett,Paul Stine,Zully Prieto,Renee Nelson,Tommy Tompkins,Denise Barker; fourth row:Kerry Frey,Beth Farner,Denon Porter,Giti Khalsa,Tom Sherwood,Teresa Cary,Chris Cannon,Karen Miller,Jill Changizi,Mia Mcketa,Michelle Barrett

Skill in Competition

It's Academic and Knowledge Masters

For those who liked or had an unusual knack for the game of "Jeopardy", It's Academic and Knowledge Masters provided a great opportunity.

In addition to an It's Academic team, Woodson formed a Knowledge Masters club. More students could participate on this team and the club competed as one against other high schools in the country.

"It's fun to compete against other schools."

The competition consisted of a 200 question multiple choice exam. Each exam was sent to schools across the country on a computer disk. Then the team worked together to answer all the questions, working against the computer timer. The team mailed the disk in to be compared to other Knowledge Masters teams in the United States.

Knowledge Masters had two seasons, fall and spring. Woodson's club won first place in Virginia for the fall season.

It's Academic met in between the two Knowledge Masters competitions. Students practiced for this game show format before their competition in February. At the end of all practices the team picked the three top members to represent the team on the It's Academic game show.

The game consists of two rounds, a competitive round and and non-competitive round. Each round was a contest against the clock, but the second round was a competition between schools to answer questions first. This year Woodson's team of Tom Phillips, Olivier Garamfalvi, and Heidi Deringer led the team to a semi-finals round after beating Oxon Hill and Lake Braddock High Schools.

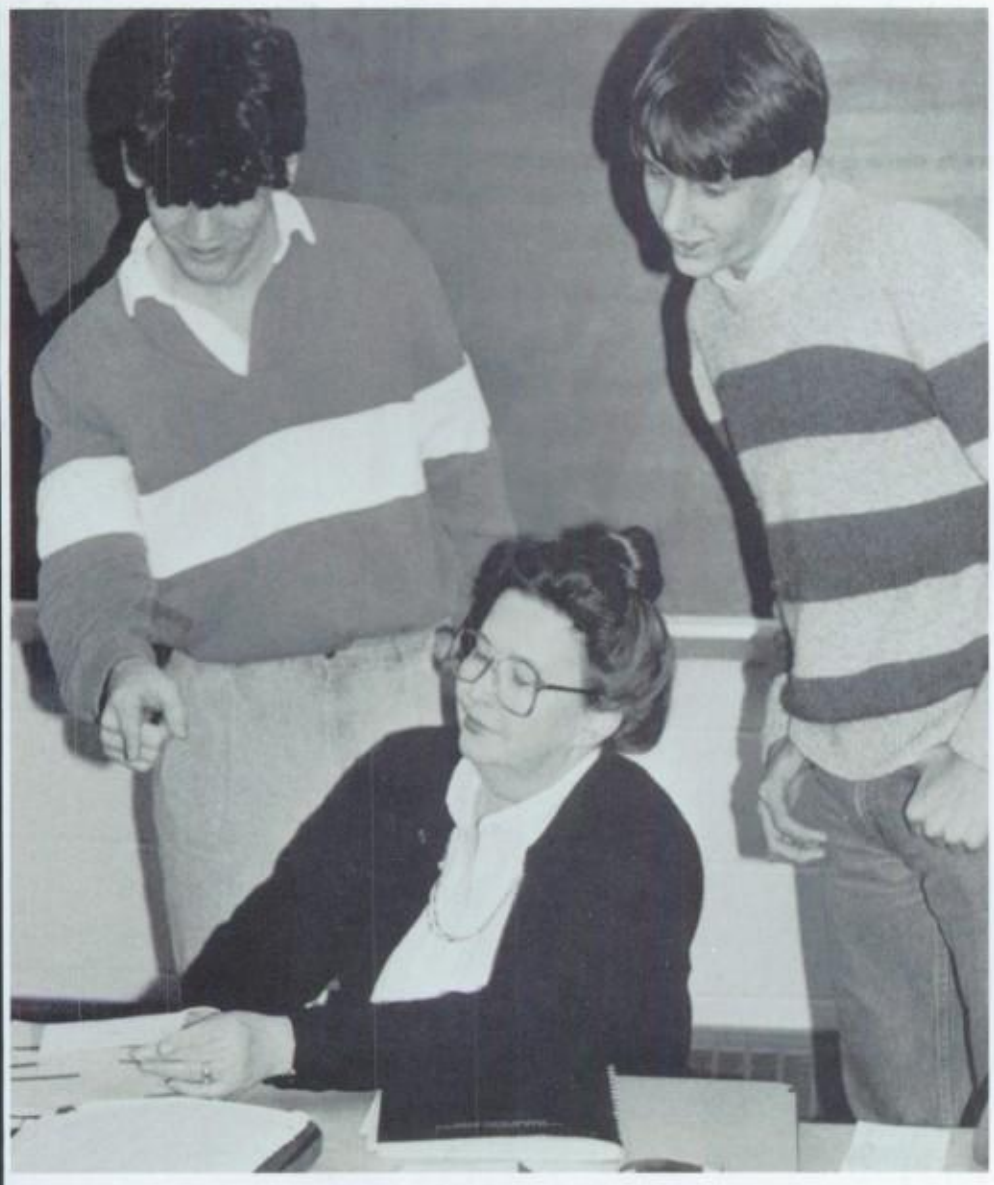
Olivier Garamfalvi summed up his reason for joining both clubs by saying, "It's fun to compete against other schools!"

by Edgar Allen

Checking over notes, Olivier Garamfalvi and Matt Manning practice for a Knowledge Masters exam.

Matt Manning, Tom Phillips, Steve Gunsior, and Heath Corso coach each other before a competition.

Holding their winning certificate Olivier Garamfalvi, Tom Phillips and Heidi Deringer show their victory.



Ms. Carmichael shows Matt Manning and Tom Phillips their practice scores.

President Tom Phillips; vice-president Matt Manning; secretary Steve Gunsior; Joel Allen, Geoff Coulter, Heidi Derinnger, Olivier Garamfalvi, Steve Gunsior, Ben Kroop, Jon McAllister, Tina Nguyen, Seth Notes, Paul Robinson, Jon Scherrer, Caroline Steele, Geoff Suiter, Mark Witeki, Yvonne Yang, Karl Kugler

The Written Word

Page and Newspaper

Woodson's best literary works could be found in the 1987-88, 26th volume of the *Page* magazine. Maria Rendine took on the immense job of sponsoring the publication, and she received a great deal of help with analyzing works from the editor-in-chief, Thu Lee and art editor, Clark Cagey and the eight other staff members. The *Page* puts out the annual end of the year magazine, but this year at winter break, the school got a big surprise! A 1988 calendar had been published featuring various literary and art works.

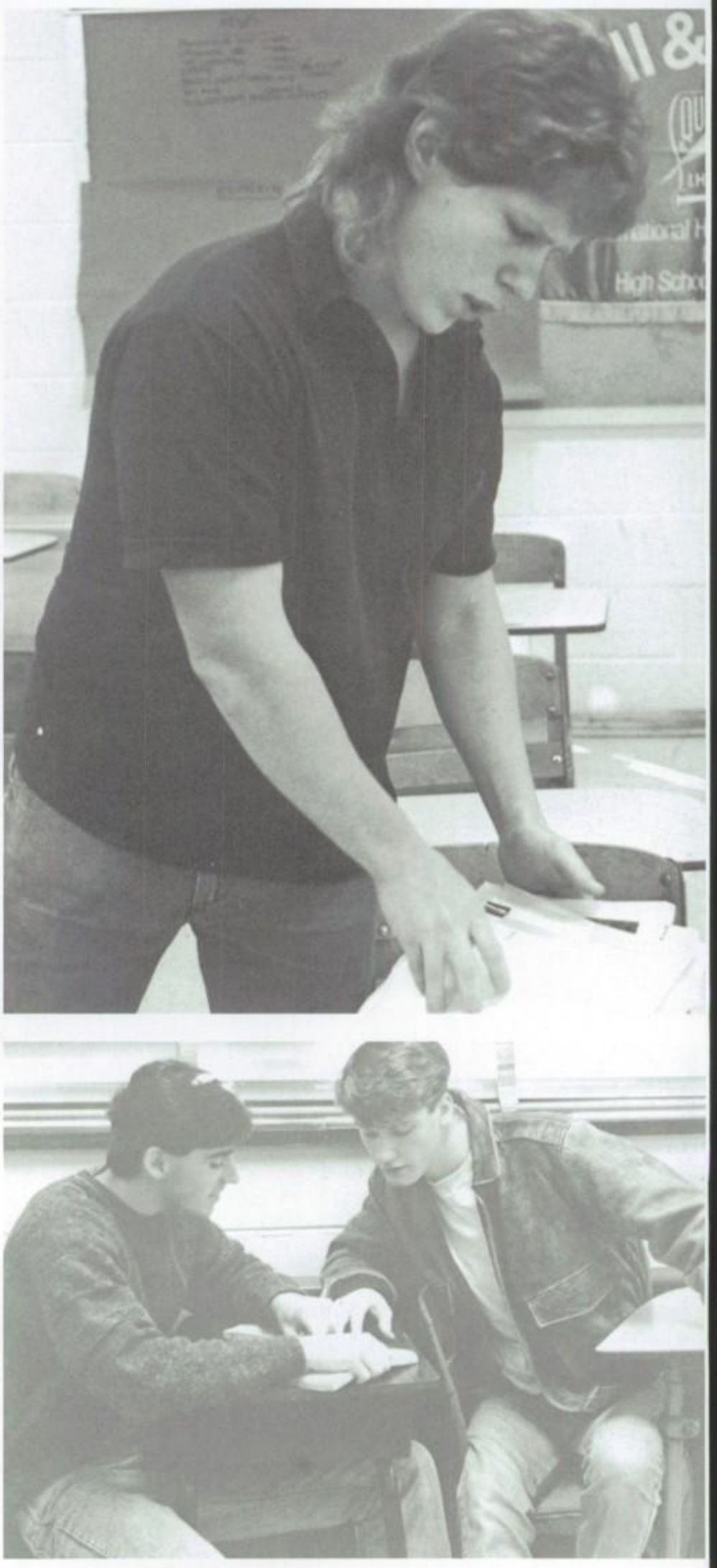
Throughout the course of the year The Cavalcade *featured such controversial subjects as AIDS and Contra Aid.*

Throughout the year, staff members met after school to review and consider student submissions. When a "publishable" work was found, the editors contacted the artist or author and editing and revising was done. Some artwork came from art classes, and poems and stories from English classes, but usually submissions were made by the individual. Anyone could submit work which made the *Page* a prime example of the thoughts at Woodson. As senior Jenny Reed, a staff member said, "It is interesting to see how students convey messages through their writing."

Another Woodson publication put out by and for the students was the newspaper, *The Calvalcade*. Throughout the course of the year, the Cavalcade featured such controversial subjects as AIDS, drug abuse, and Contra Aid. The paper also contained many other articles like the humorous feature articles, exciting sports articles, informing news stories, and inquisitive editorials for the students' enjoyment. *The Cavalcade* came out every two weeks, sometimes with special sections.

The newspaper staff consisted of about eighty members, including editor-in-chief Paul Stankevich and other section editors. The rest was made up of staff writers, photographers, and cartoonists.

By Julie Gustafson



Newspaper editor-in-chief Paul Stankevich looks through his newspaper notebook.

Al Cammarata and Garrett Heenan look through tips on how to improve the newspaper.

These Page members are glad to receive contributions in the Page submission box in the library.

Page editor Thu Lee; co-editor, Clarke Cagey; Pat Sheehan, Diana Waldron, Donna Hirsch, Tom Do, Laurence Srinivasan, Andrea Yates, Stephanie Gleason, Shannon Sheehan, Roslyn Wolfe, Heather Easterling, Christy Meister, Gaby Esser, Sarah Hand, Laura Oppel, Theresa Kang, Juliana Kang, Cindy Houghton

Newspaper editor-in-chief Paul Stankevch; News editors Eva Regnier, Jennifer Ryan, Ali Wechsler; editorial editors Ted Martin, Garret Heenan, Mark Lettman; feature editors Aaron Katz, Kathryn Kent, Chris Polk; sports editors Michelle Patterson, Al Cammarata, Ali Oshinsky; Art/Photography editor Ali Wechsler; photographers Brad Rhodes, Barry Trub, Renee Nelson, Reynold Harbin; cartoonist Jim Herndon; production manager Jerry Cannon; staff

All in a Year's Book

Yearbook Staff & Co.

"Yearbook class, what's that?" and "Do you have a text book?" were common questions when students heard about the new class. Having a period during the school day gave the yearbook editors and staff a chance to be together at one place and time to finish the enormous amount of work that went into the final product.

Besides their time in class, the staff members gave up their lunch period during September to sell the Bloc, which included the yearbook, newspaper and some literary materials from Page.

The yearbook was headed by editor-in-chief Terry Stryer and sponsor Ms. Mary Green, both of whom held the ultimate responsibility for making sure that all deadlines were met. Associate editors of the book included Emily Allen, Jon Rozzell, Jennifer Bryson and Laura Barchi.

On top of having to crop pictures, finalize layouts, and write articles, headlines and captions, the staff had to learn how to use a brand new computer. All copy including articles, captions, headlines and kickers had to be typed on to the one computer.

"Being yearbook editor was like having a baby."

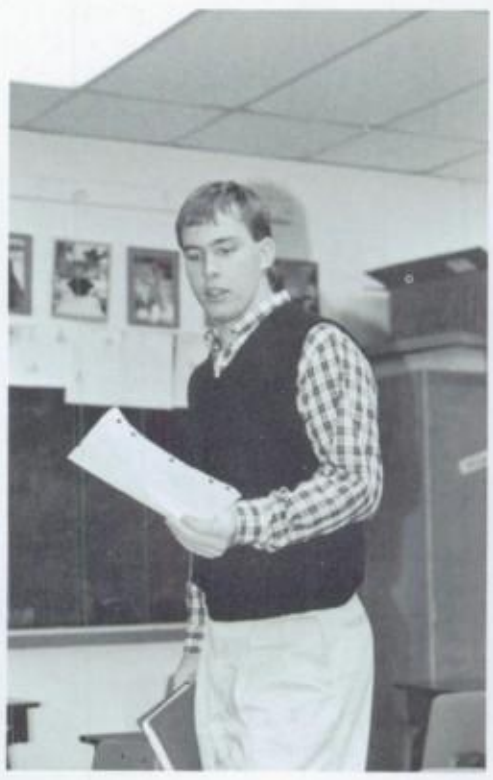
While the work of putting together a yearbook was tedious and often took long hours to complete, the staff felt that getting to see the final product made all the difficult times seem worthwhile. As explained by Terry Stryer, "Being yearbook editor was like having a baby."

By Jordonna Hoffman and Laura Barchi

Looking through homeroom roles, Mindy Gampel and Sasha Hennessy find which people have bought a yearbook.

Yearbook Editor-in-chief Terry Stryer; associate editors Emily Allen, Laura Barchi, Jennifer Bryson, and Jon Rozzell; co-editors of photography Jon Rozzell and Emily Allen; staff Cheryl An, Inger Brown, Mindy Gampel, Brian Gorges, Julie Gustafson, Sasha Hennessy, Jordonna Hoffman, Karen House, Aliza Seelig, Garrett Heenan, Carlos Linares; contributers Ray Boyd, Jennifer Manton, Randy Williams, Lindsey Weller

Editor-in-chief Terry Stryer works on some yearbook layouts.



Brian Gorges announces that he has finished an article for the yearbook!

Stepping back from the board, editors Laura Barchi and Jennifer Bryson look at the results of the Senior superlatives tally.

After school, Collin Smith buys a Coke at the Coke machine in the gym hall.

Hanging out together between the cafeterias during lunch Bruce Irwin, Drew Button, Nancy Ford, Keith Hall and Beth Johnson keep each other company.

On a pleasant autumn day, Jodi Climo eats lunch outside.

People

They come in different shapes, colors, sizes and textures

Was this your last year of high school? Did you sweat over college or "real" job applications? If you answered "yes" to either one of these questions, then there is no doubt — you were a senior. The last year of high school consisted of hard classes, final SAT's and the dreaded college essays. Senior year was not only nine months of grueling work, it also had fun moments, such as Senior Night and the Senior Ski Trip.

Did you receive your class ring this year and have it turned eighty-nine times until it felt as though your ring finger would fall off? Then a junior you were. Painting the bleachers and Junior Prom were two activities that made school more palatable. School work became a major concern because grade point averages and class rank were figured at the end of the year.

Did you host a "Sweet Sixteen" party? Were you another proud possessor of a new driver's license? Then you could have been a sophomore. By sophomore year, students learned not to arrive at soc-hops until nine p.m. and realized that cheering at football games was fun.

Did you find yourself intimidated by upperclassmen? Did you worry about getting to class on time? Did you complete every homework assignment neatly in ink? No one had to guess too hard — you were a freshman. Freshman year consisted of new experiences ranging from a bigger building to meeting new friends. Although older students snickered at their youthful exhuberance,the young 'uns took it in stride and contributed to our school.

Who spent every night grading papers, averaging grades and drawing up new lesson plans? Who patrolled the halls, picked up the attendance cards and saw that the school ran efficiently? You're right — the faculty and administration. Woodson's teachers and administrators gave students help when we needed it. They dealt fairly with us, wrote college recommendations, met with parents and students, and took courses on their own time to increase their knowlege and teaching abilities. They made sure we left school for the summer with the education we deserved.

by Laura Barchi

Seniors

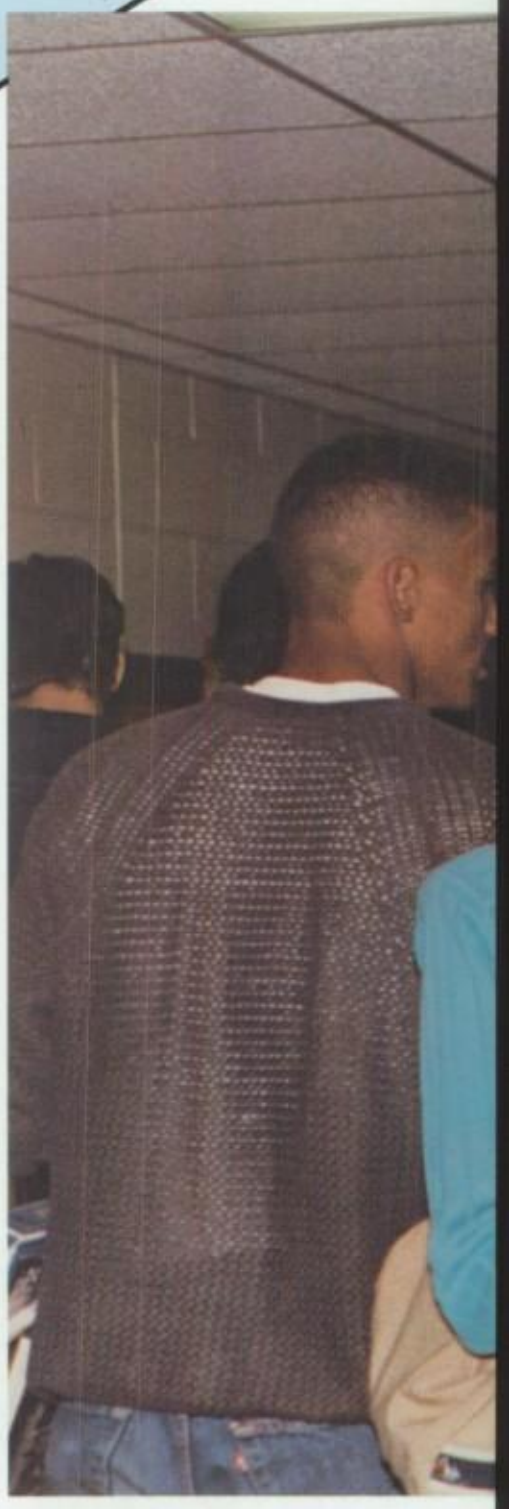
Although . . . Sometimes Bigger is Better

Sometimes bigger *is* better, as the Senior Class, the Class of 1988, with its five hundred fifty-five members proved. After spending three years together, we found little difficulty in pulling together for our last year and making it the best ever.

As seniors, we faced a mixed bag— fun, responsibility, challenge and release were all part of our final high school months. Together we faced interviews for jobs and colleges, more difficult classes, English 12 and U.S./VA. government, Achievement Tests, SAT's and many, many essays.

But while senior year meant added work, we also managed to find time to relax and enjoy ourselves. We cheered together in the senior section of the bleachers at football games, chanting "Give a Yell... ", the senior cheer, and "June 15," our graduation date. We planned our Senior Prom and rehearsed for Graduation. These activities helped temper the stress and pressure we experienced meeting application deadlines, holding positions of leadership and responsibility in school clubs and sports and performing our best in after school jobs.

by Laura Barchi



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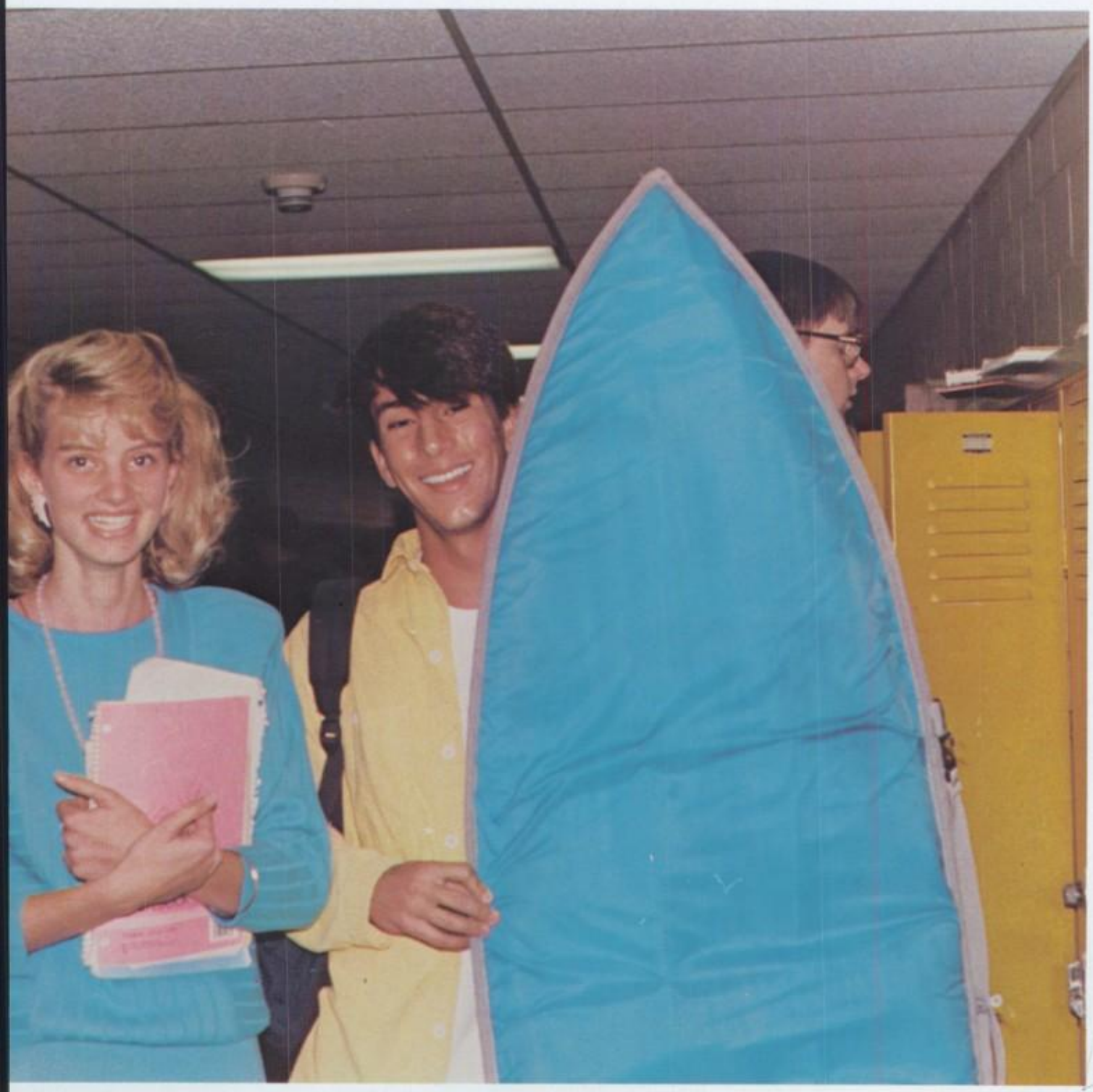
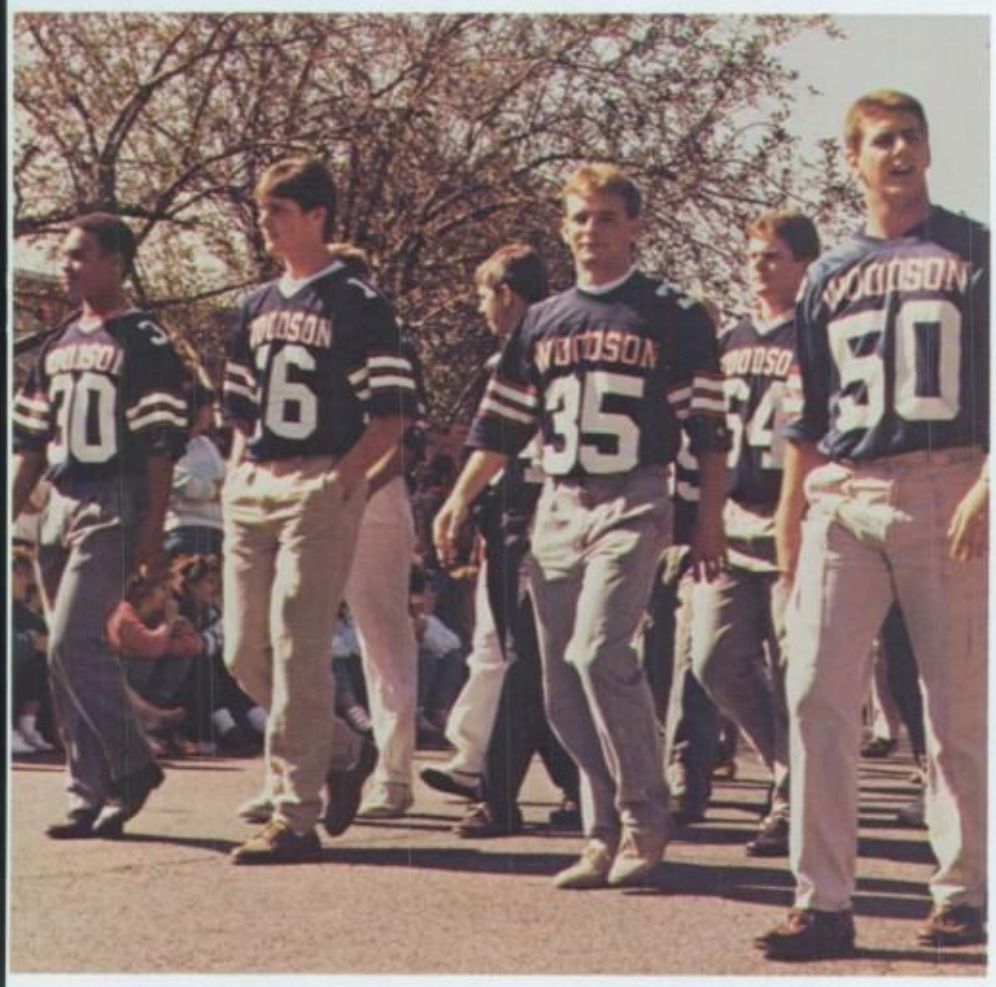
Sitting in class might be boring for some, but Deb Colavito, Ray Boyd, and Eric Raecke show it can be fun every once in a while.

Marching in the front row Byron Jenkins, James DePoy, Kyle Koontz, and Trent Bowers lead the rest of the Varsity Football team in the Homecoming Parade.



Beach Day found many people dressed in their favorite beach attire, but Kevin Harrison found a unique way of expressing himself by bringing a body board and Jennifer Finley seems pretty impressed.



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During our sophmore year, Eric Raecke spent many intellectually stimulating hours playing the then popular Trivial Pursuit.

The play *Dracula* was a big hit during our junior year. Ray Good played the title character.

A.P. American History was a class that many people endured during their junior year. J. P. Lacy hung on every word spoken by his A.P. History teacher, Mrs. Paula Spencer.

Kings Dominion was a favorite summer getaway for many Cavaliers. Before beginning their ride on the apple turnover, rising junior Jill Changizi and rising sophmore Heather Ferguson secured the retaining devices.

Looking Back On Four Years

Precious memories of high school

"Remember when . . ." is something we all like to say. Now that our Senior year has finished, we can look back on four years at W.T.Woodson High School and say, "Remember when..." we first entered the halls of W.T.W. in August, 1984? Remember our first Homecoming float, the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe? Remember the H.D. Woodson game when we had the whole World in our hands?

Our sophomore year began and the majority of us got our driver's licenses after weeks of Behind the Wheel and Drivers' Ed. with Mr. Jenkins. Jon Rozzel commented, "My most vivid memory of sophomore year was the fire alarm we had towards the end of the year when we got out of class for almost an hour."

"The first football game of our Senior year when we got to cheer as Seniors for the first time was my favorite memory of my years at Woodson."

Our junior year was filled with countless memories like caravaning to T.C. Williams and Oakton during football season. Receiving our class rings was special and finding eighty-eight people to turn them was a major challenge. When Junior Prom arrived, we knew that it was only a few more weeks until we could call ouselves Seniors. "Chemistry fifth period was what stood out in my mind from our Junior year," said Randy Williams. "Especially the last day before exams began when we brought in the seats from Mark Thompson's van and ate pizza."

Even before school began, Senior year got off to a good start with the successful painting of our bleachers and the football victory over Hayfield. "The first football game of our Senior year when we got to cheer as Seniors the first time was my favorite memory of my years at Woodson," said Rachel Salas. Our final Homecoming before we actually were the ones coming home was marked with the making of Gumby. Ugly Senior Day showed our other side, caused by worrying about school work and pulling all-nighters to get it done. With the final taking of the SAT's and Achievement Tests and the writing of college applications we knew that our high school years were quickly coming to an end. The remaining months of school were filled with events such as college acceptances, the Senior-Faculty basketball game and A.P. Exams. Finally, Senior Prom, Baccalaureate and Class Night arrived, and our big day was not far off. Graduation will be remembered as both a happy and a sad occasion; happy because we were ready to go off to college or to new jobs, but sad because we knew we were leaving good friends and the shelter of high school.

by Laura Barchi

On the eve of Homecoming, Heidi Deringer and Tom Phillips fluff some of the last flowers.

Showing senior spirit, Gumby and (left to righy) Scott Chesbrough, Frank Brennon, Andy Phalan, Celeste Cordova, Mark Thompson, Michelle Paterson, Jennifer Libby, Jamie Woodard, Ellen Bruns, Margie Arrivillaga, Mike Rossi, Tara McArdle, Janine Knapp, Lisa Feinberg and Sandy Yatsko represent their class in the Homecoming Parade.

Is This Really a Cartoon?

The Denver Times says it is

On the evening of the Homecoming Game, the Seniors' anticipation to hear the results of the float judging was clearly present wben the chants of "Gumby, Gumby!" rose from the bleachers. As our float rounded the track and neared the Senior section, the chant turned into all out screaming. Then a hush descended over everyone who waited anxiously for the announcement: And the winner is ... the Class of '89. The Class of '89?

The 1987 Homecoming festivities got off to a late start for the Seniors. Many of us found it hard to find time to donate even an hour to make floweres for the float. "I'm too busy," and "I have things to do," were the popular excuses given when some Seniors were asked to help out. Nonetheless, when push came to shove, we pitched in and after many long hours of backbreaking work, we completed our last high school float on time.

The theme for the floats was "the Comics" and the decision by the Class of '88 to adopt Gumby, the popular Saturday Night Live character based upon the older cartoon character and kids' show, sparked spirit in those of us who needed a bit of a shove. When at last we gazed at the towering eight foot tall giant made of green tissue paper, we were in awe. "This is the best float the Class of '88 has ever made. We better win," said Janine Knapp. Jarrett McCleskey said simply, "I think it's awesome."

"This is the best float the Class of 1988 has ever made."

As fate would have it, the seniors did not win, but so what? We're seniors, we're awesome, and we know it.

by Sharon Smith

Into the night, Cindy Hite and Doug Cruce hook crepe paper flowers on the chicken wire.

"We've come a long way since our freshman year," comments Melissa Higgins as she inspects the work of her fellow students.

One activity to prepare us for Graduation was a trip during English class to the Career Center to meet with our guidance counselors. Krista Grigg and Jimmy Joyce listen attentively to the information.

Mia McKeta meets with her counselor, Mr. Newman, to discuss college applications and essays.

Shelly Bustle, Julie Roberts, Jenny Winkle and Judy Winkle pay close attention in an assembly of government students about the Constitution.

No One Said It Was Going To Be Easy

College and work loom just around the corner

Freshmen ... sophomores ... juniors ... and finally we were Seniors! We had so much work and so much to do it nearly drove us up the wall. If anyone asked who worked and struggled the most, the answer would have to be the Seniors.

As underclassmen, we thought Senior year was one of privilege, fun, relaxation. How quickly we learned the truth! We spent our last year preparing for college, taking exams, and struggling through so much anxiety that we could not wait until graduation.

Taking notes in class was one way Celeste Cordova prepared for future challenges. These challenges ranged from the next chapter test to applying to colleges.

Seniors took a good helping of exams, such as final SAT's, Achievement Tests, ACT's and for many, A.P. exams. We arranged for our transcripts to be sent to colleges, filled out applications, sifted through tons of college material, requested teacher recommendations and wrote essays.

Seniors visited different colleges throughout the year to experience the college atmosphere and to get a taste of what it's like being a freshman all over again. Senior Kathleen Bogan visited the Dartmouth College campus and decided, "I liked it so much that I will apply there." College visits helped Seniors choose which ones they wished to attend and clarified each institution's entrance requirements and the curriculum offered. Interviews with college representatives gave the admissions officers a chance to get to know the students.

Seniors faced the difficult task of completing graduation requirements. Guidance counselors made sure that each Senior had not only the correct number of credits, twenty or twenty-two, but also met graduation requirements by taking the necessary courses. Another pressure came at the end of each quarter as grade point averages and class rankings were revealed. G.P.A.'s, coupled with extra-curricular activities and standardized test scores, often determined the acceptance or rejection of a candidate for admission to one of the nation's universities, colleges or military academies. Commented Andy Criswell, "Applying to academies was pretty tough. Being a Senior was not all that easy."

"I liked it (the Dartmoth College campus) so much that I will apply there."

As Seniors, we sat at cluttered desks in equally cluttered bedrooms into the wee hours of the morning on more than one occasion, wondering what had happened to those carefree days we had dreamed that our Senior year would be. Well, no one said it would be easy.

by Sasha Hennessy

Standing Out In A Crowd

Giving a yell for Seniors

"Give a yell ...," "We got what, what, what," and "Give me a *W*" were three favorite cheers heard at every football game as spirited Seniors showed enthusiasm with deafening shouts, bags of confetti and "Who's louder?" contests with the juniors. The Seniors sat in the Senior section of the bleachers at every home game. We weren't hard to spot (or hear) because we often stood during the entire game.

"I think being a Senior brought out a lot of spirit," said Natasha Chamberlain. "I know I was more spirited this year than the previous three."

Seniors also showed spirit by dressing up during Spirit Week. Heidi Daniels and Jarret McClesky wore matching pajamas on Pajama Day. Heidi recalled that day by saying, "Everywhere we went people said 'Don't you two look cute,' and when Jarret and I walked into physics together, the entire class let out an 'aaaaw!'" Sharon Smith dressed up for Beach Day "because I thought Beach Day would be fun and I wanted to show some spirit."

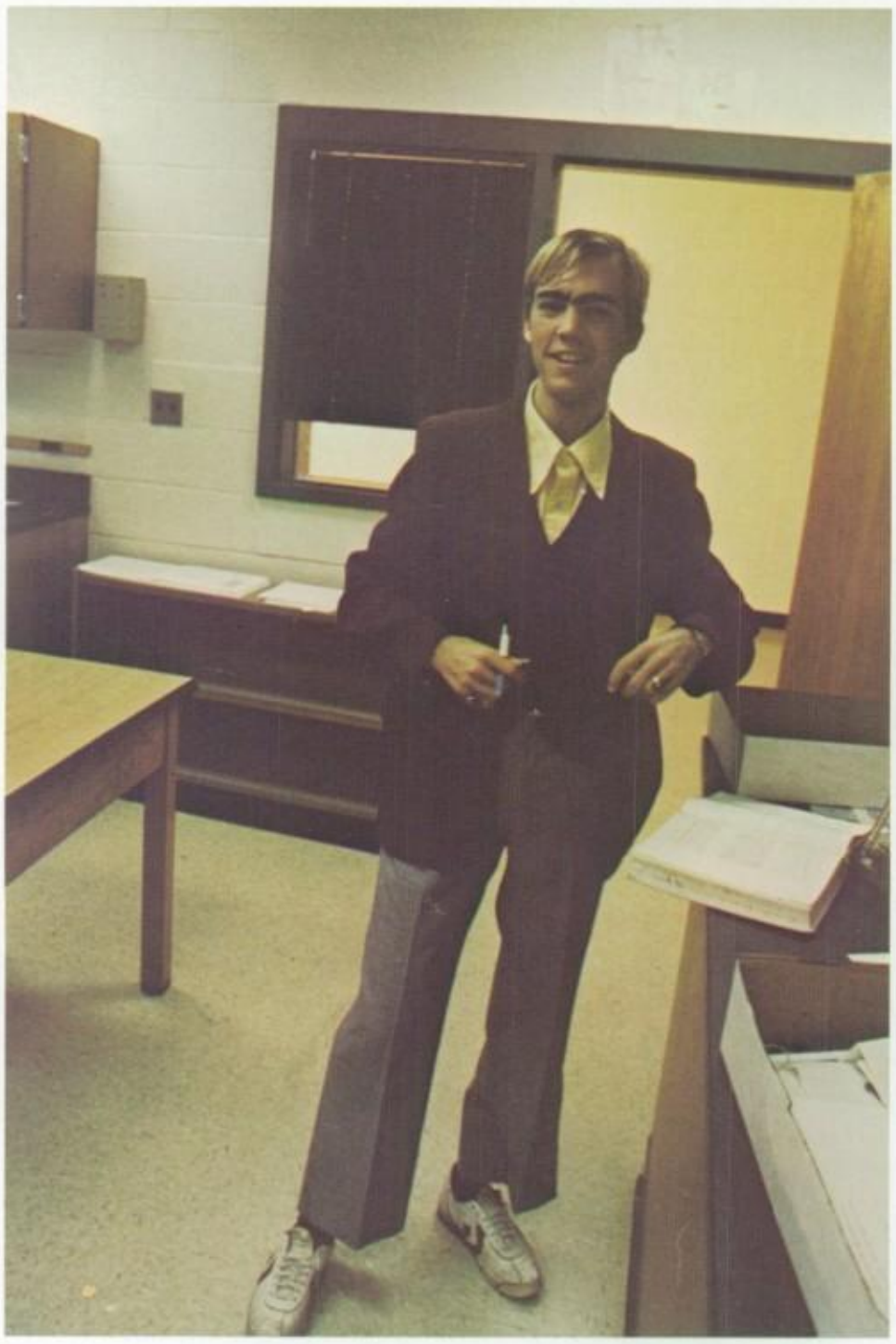
We had an additional chance to play "dress up" on Ugly Senior Day. We poured out of the woodwork to harrass and panhandle money from unsuspecting teachers and underclassmen. In all our glorious grotesqueness, we collected money to help support the Senior Prom.

Buying Senior Stickers was yet another way for seniors to show spirit and support. Stickers adorned cars, lockers and sometimes notebooks. This proved to be another profitable fund raiser for the Prom.

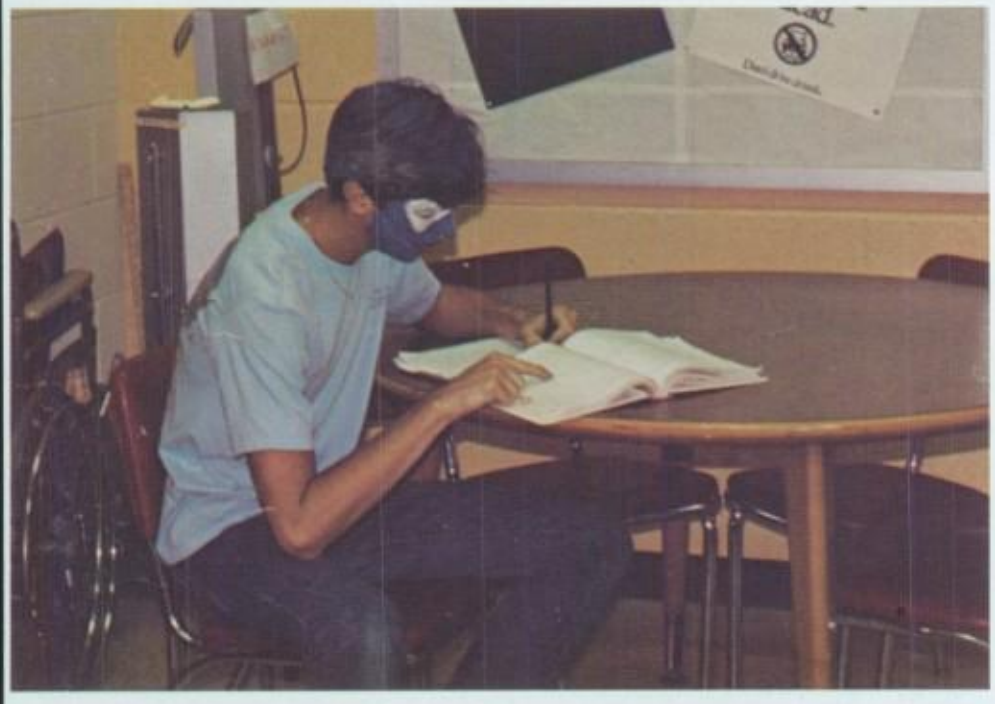
"... being a Senior brought out a lot of spirit .... I was more spirited this year than in the previous three."

The Class of '88 showed the entire school what a spirited group of Seniors should be. In cheering at football games and participating in events such as Spirit Week and Ugly Senior Day, we proved that the Senior Class was the best class around.

by Laura Barchi



During Spirit Week, Corbin Schaefer shows his spirit by dressing up for Nerd Day.



Painting his face blue and white was Jason Allen's way of dressing up for blue and white day during Spirit Week.

At the Homecoming game against T.C. Williams many spirited Seniors join the cheerleaders in cheers to "fire up" the Cavaliers.

PSAT's Pay Off

High scores bring rewards

Thirteen students were chosen as semifinalists in the thirty-third Annual Merit Program. Chosen on the basis of their Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) scores, these Seniors qualified to apply for one of the 6,000 Merit Scholarships.

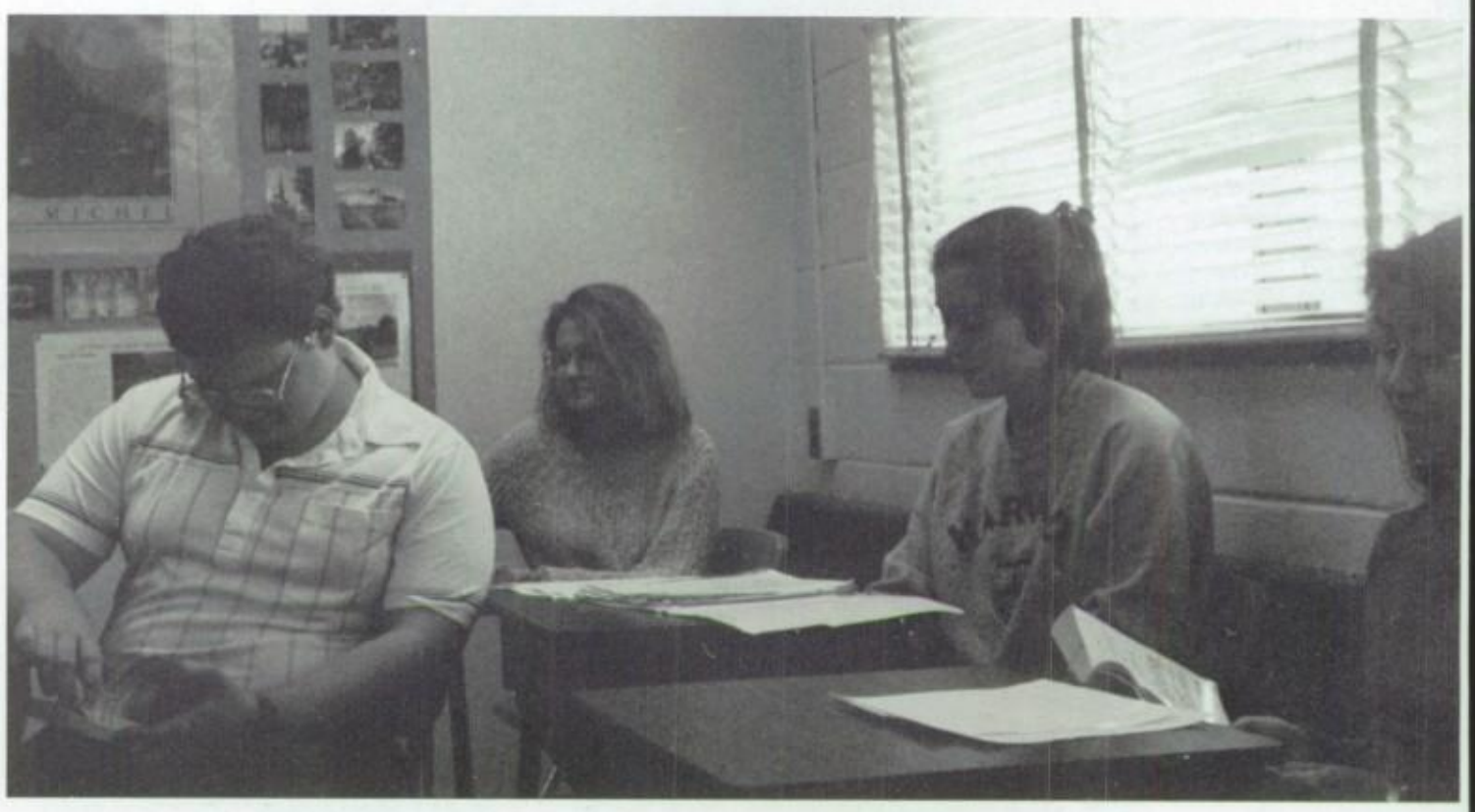
To determine which of the students qualified as semifinalists, each student's "selection index" number was figured by adding twice the verbal score to the math score. All of our semifinalists scored at least seventy on one of the eighty point sections and ranked nationally in the top one percent.

"It's nice to know that the PSAT's have some value."

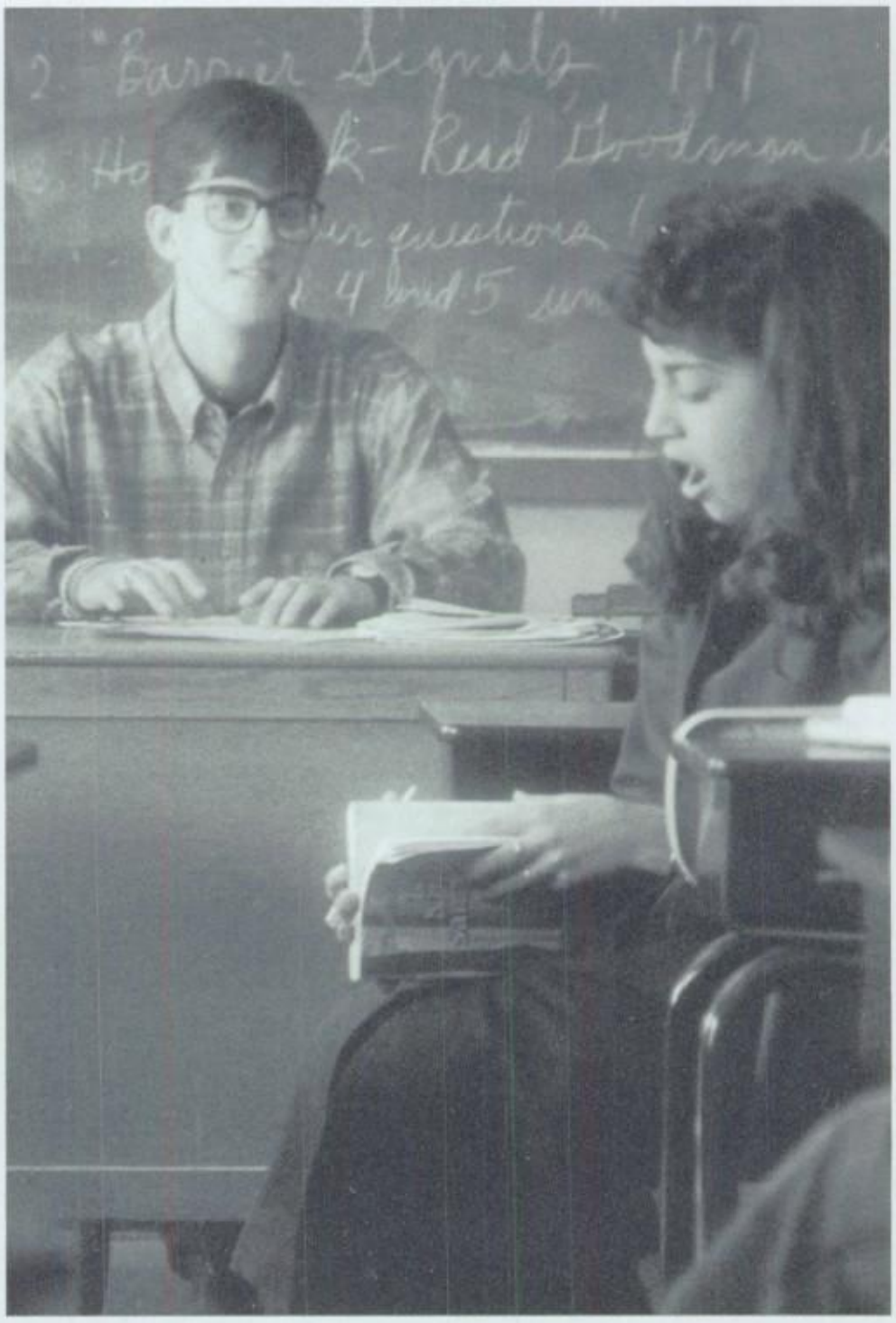
"It's nice to know that the PSAT's really do have some value," commented Greg Feder who, along with the twelve other semifinalists filled out a series of scholarship applications. The semifinalists held their breath until February when the scholarships were awarded.

Our thirteen semifinalists were Dorothy Barton, Heath Corso, Geoffrey A. Coulter, Marilyn E. Deady, Heidi E. Deringer, Gregory S. Feder, Deborah A. Fisher, Julie A. Haskins, Jennifer A. Johnson, Eva D. Regnier, Paul A. Robinson, Geoffrey A. Suiter and Yvonne Y. Yang.

by Jennifer Bryson



Semifinalists Geoff Coulter, Eva Regnier, Marilyn Deady and Yvonne Yang enjoy sharing the same French class.



Greg Feder takes over his A.P. English class while Mrs. Leibowitz steps out. Meesha Brickson pays more attention to the real teacher.

At a volunteer banquet where Heidi Deringer served punch and cookies, Mr. Billak thanks her for her help.

Stunning Senior Superlatives

Choosing our most outstanding peers

Originality, spirit, talent, humor, friendliness, the smarts or athletic prowess was all it took. While over five hundred individuals, each of various talents and strengths, made up the Class of 1988, some Seniors stood out in certain areas and won the Senior Superlative poll.

Shawn Porter, the male chosen as Class Cut-up, commented, "Being funny is a big part of my personality. It comes naturally, kind of like breathing. I can't help it." Heidi Deringer, the Most Studious female, said modestly, "I don't really think of myself as studious, but I know now that other people do. It's kind of a compliment." Mark Thompson expressed surprise at being chosen Most Original. Said Mark, "I don't try to dress originally or differently. I just get up in the morning and put on whatever I feel like wearing that day."

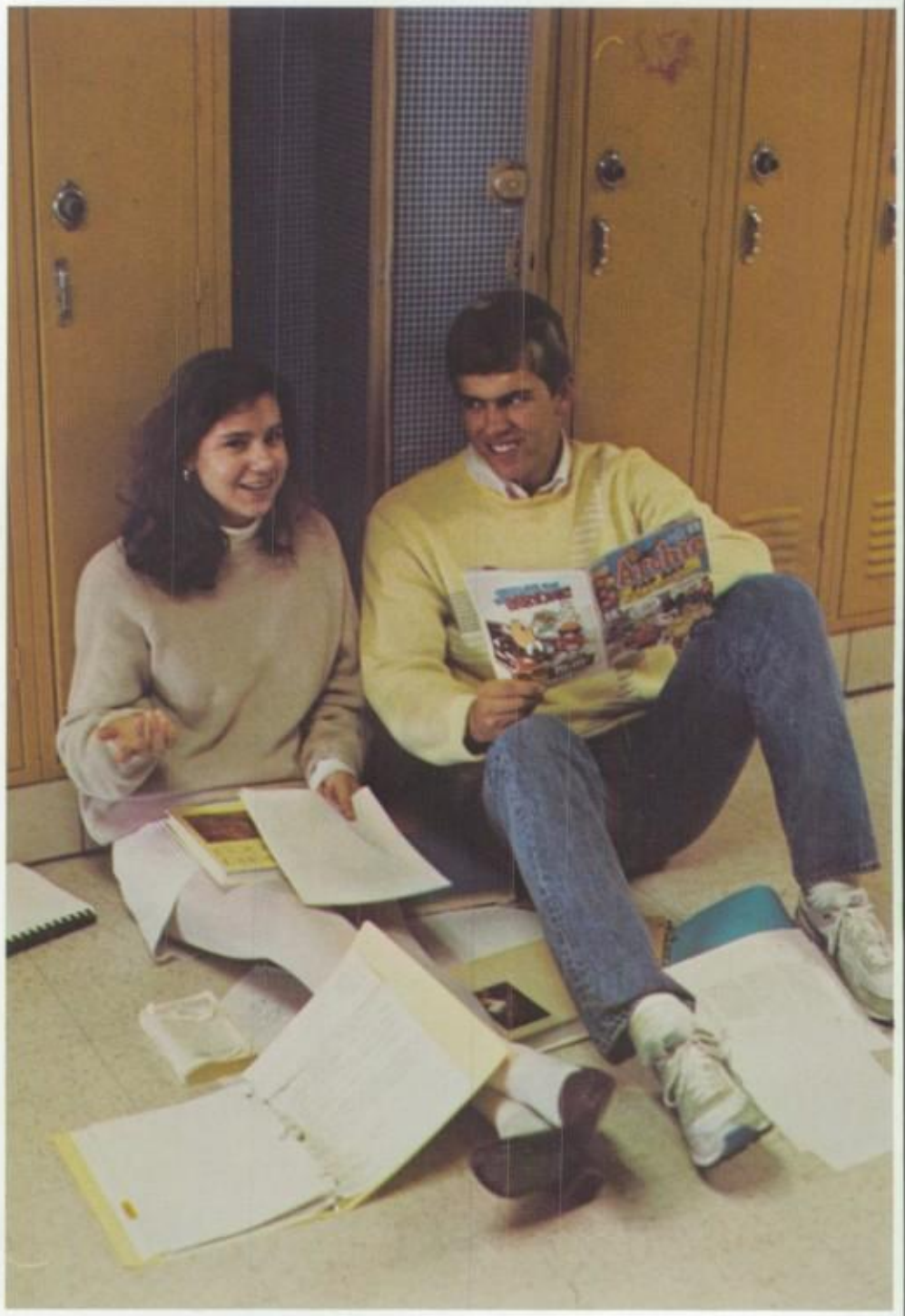
One common thread ran through all the choices for the Senior Superlatives: The winners were always themselves. Nearly every one of them expressed surprise that his peers had chosen him. Perhaps this demonstrated how at Woodson, students were recognized for just being themselves — and doing it well.

"Being funny comes naturally, kind of like breathing; I can't help it."

by Laura Barchi

Always there to cheer their team on to victory, Meesha Bricksin and Mike Rossi earn the title Most Spirited.

Not pictured: Jode Osborne and Trent Bowers for Most Athletic.



Most Studious Heidi Deringer and Jarrett McClesky study comic books together in the hall.

Cindy Hite and Byron Jenkins, voted Most Outgoing, hang out in front of the school and talk to everybody who walks by.

Hanging out at the Tastee Diner are originals Jodi Climo and Mark Thompson.

Although theater is hard work, Dorothy Barton and Ray Good, the Most Artistic Seniors, have a little fun in the Drama Room.

Class Cut-ups Shernita Rochelle and Shawn Porter clown around in chemistry classroom with poisonous acids.

Pep Band director Matt Smith waits by the Band's float before the Homecoming Parade.

SADD president Jennifer Brown sits at her club's booth during the Homecoming activities giving out stickers and pencils to anyone who pledged not to drink and drive.

Making Their Way To The Top

It's not easy to be in charge

"It's incredible, people do what you tell them," Debate Team president J.P. Lacey eloquently said. J.P. earned his status through three years of hard work in debate, which he described as a kind of "verbal volleyball." J.P. said that his most important job as president was teaching the younger debaters the intricacies of the types of rounds and the procedures in the art of debating.

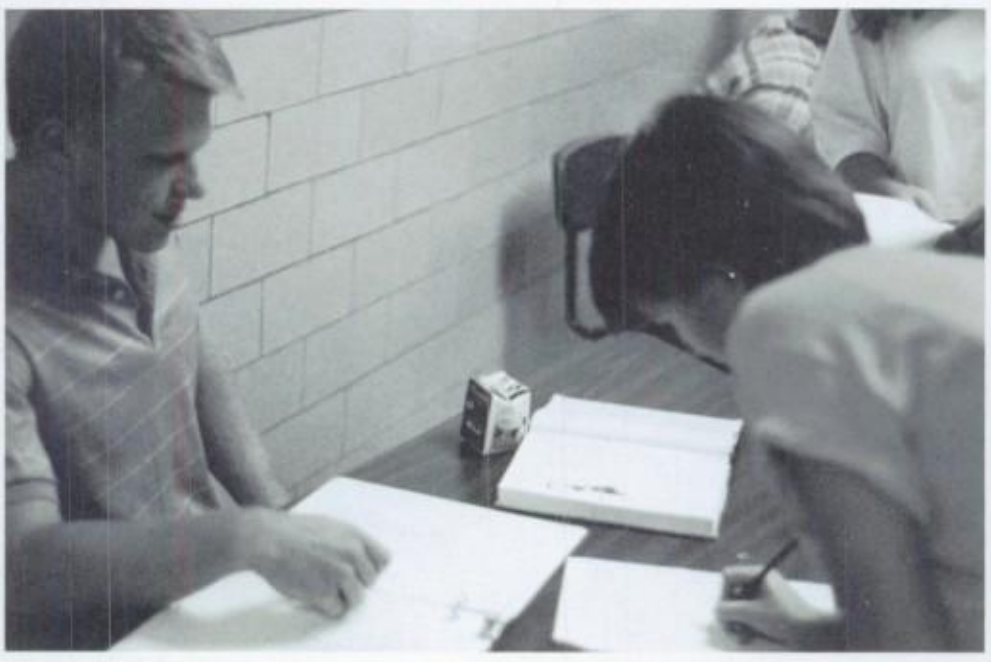
Andy Criswell showed his leadership capabilities as president of the French Club. His leadership provided a new twist for the club — this was the first year that members did not have to take French and it was the first time in several years that the club was headed by a male. Andy's major project of the year was planning the first foreign language soc-hop that he promised to make "rock."

"It turned out to be a lot of work."

Seniors also excelled in leadership positions outside of Woodson. Jodi Climo "raged" in raising the membership of her synogogue's youth group by seventy-six members. Jodi used her leadership skills to organize fund raisers, social get-togethers and religious activities on a regional youth group level.

Heidi Deringer held the prestigious position of Virginia Junior Classical League (VJCL) president. About a month before last year's VJCL Convention Heidi decided to run for this office because she "thought it would be a lot of fun." Heidi's responsibilities included running this year's convention, setting the agenda and representing the VJCL at the national convention. She said, "It turned out to be a lot of work."

by Jon Rozzell



Signing up new members at Woodson's Club Fair, French Club president Andy Criswell performs one of his most important duties.

Cheerleading captain Vicki McGinley and co-captain Sue DeGavre ride on the back of a convertible in the Homecoming Parade.

Leading The School

The Class of 1988 officers were a group of outstanding individuals. They achieved goals they set for the class. President Byron Jenkins led the group, with a supporting cast of Vice-president James Depoy, Secretary Jennifer Finley, Treasurer Christine Nowacek and Senators Meesha Brickson and Celeste Cordova.

Raising money and class spirit were the main objectives for the officers. Often, these two objectives went hand in hand. For instance, the Senior sponsored soc-hops each quarter and the Homecoming Dance brought money to the Seniors in a fun way. Ugly Senior Day in December offered another chance for Seniors to show their class spirit by dressing up in their most disgusting outfits and embezzling money from underclassmen and teachers who could not stand their ugliness. Seniors bought t-shirts and boxer shorts that said "Class of '88" to advertise their pride at being Seniors.

The cabinet members helped the officers a great deal. Not only did they help set up activities and participate faithfully, they also kept the spirit of Student Union up.

Without the sponsorship of Ms. Diane Reed, none of this year's acivities would have been possible. She worked with the officers to accomplish the dances, the float, the fund raisers and much more. Ms. Reed said, "It's been rewarding to work with such an innovative group of kids."

By Brian Gorges

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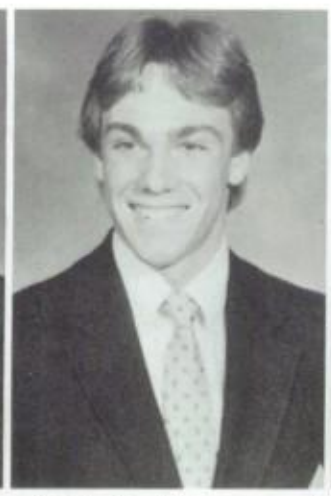
Jason D. Allen

Joel W. Allen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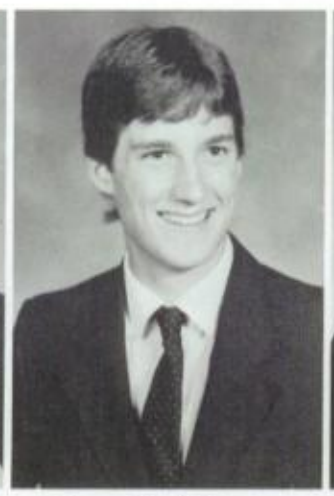
Jonathan P. Allsman

Lori Alterman

Jeffrey M. Altman

Edward H. An

Senior Class Officers: Meesha Brickson (Senator), Christine Nowacek (Treasurer), Jennifer Finley (Secretary), Byron Jenkins (President), James DePoy (Vice-President)

Kathleen S. Anderson

David S. Arms

Margery M. Arrivillaga

Keith A. Arvo

Keely M. Ashenfelter

Kevin D. Ashley

Heather B. Bacheller

Margarette K. Bahr

Erica K. Baisch

Laura E. Barchi

Denise M. Barker

Lori R. Barnes

Claire W. Barrett

Michelle N. Barrett

David W. Bartlett

Dorothy L. Barton

Tricia R. Bass

Jonathan J. Beam

Diane M. Birkland

David J. Bleecker

Joy M. Bleecker

Jennifer A. Boehm

Kathleen E. Bogan

Shannon K. Bookhultz

Laura A. Bowes

Raymond M. Boyd

Mark F. Brennan

Meesha R. Bricksin

Jennifer L. Brown

Laura K. Brown

David J. Buchanan

John M. Buchanan

Laura K. Burd

Megan A. Burski

Julie E. Burton

Sarah E. Bushman

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Lauren A. Becker

Charles W. Bentil

Lisa M. Berk

Cristina Bouchard

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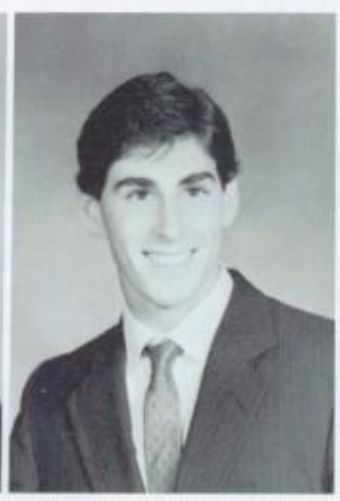
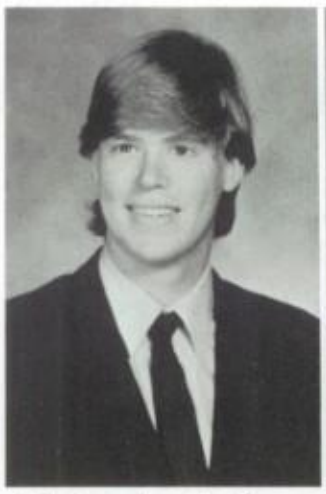

Alfred J. Cammarata

Walking into school that cold December morning, screams of agony were heard and frantic underclassmen could be seen. An unenlightened observer would have thought that these poor creatures had gone berserk from too much pressure. This observer, however, would soon realize that his assumption was wrong. Huge masses of polyester, holding cans and begging for money caused the underclassmen's fright. In other words, this cold December day was UGLY SENIOR DAY.

This day has become a tradition for Seniors and something that members of every class look forward to during their three years as underclassmen. Danis Urban, who dressed in her ugly best, said, "I felt that the class needed my help in raising money and I thought it would be a lot of fun." The money collected by Seniors dressed in clashing clothes, mismatched make-up and hair curlers was used expressly for the Senior Prom.

By Laura Barchi

The purpose of Ugly Senior Day was for Seniors to show their class spirit by looking foolish. Most people wore their mother's or father's most embarassing outfits with overdone make-up and carried a container to hold the money they embezzled from frightened underclassmen and teachers. Mike Rossi gets a few cents in the cafeteria.



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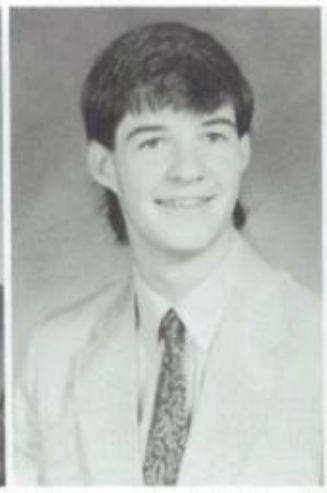

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Eleanor A. Carr

Jennifer L. Carrico

Charles A. Carroll

Teresa D. Cary

Michael J. Casko

Douglas J. Cedor

Natasha A. Chamberlain

Hanna H. Chang

Earning The Privilege

Do you remember looking forward to having a special parking lot? Being able to get to the cafeteria before everyone else in the school? Underclassmen envied Senior Privileges and Seniors guarded them jealously.

"I don't even know how we could call them priviliges, they didn't even enforce the Senior parking lot," said Julie Tollus. The class officers had asked the administration for five minutes out of class before lunch, the special Senior parking lot and two minutes out of every class. Due to Fairfax County's requirement that each student spend a certain amount of time in each class throughout the school year, Seniors only were able to get the Senior parking lot and three minutes out of class before lunch.

It seemed as if Seniors got so much more in previous years; never the less, Seniors enjoyed their privileges to the fullest extent.

By Laura Barch

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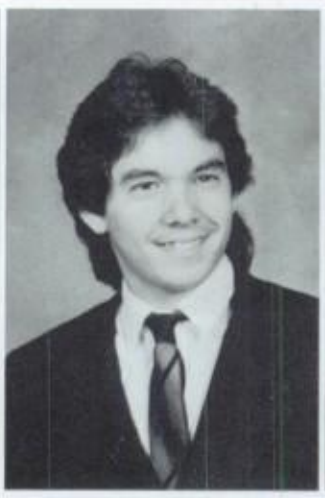
Kristin L. Chapman

Vinuta Chennareddy

Scott V. Chesbrough



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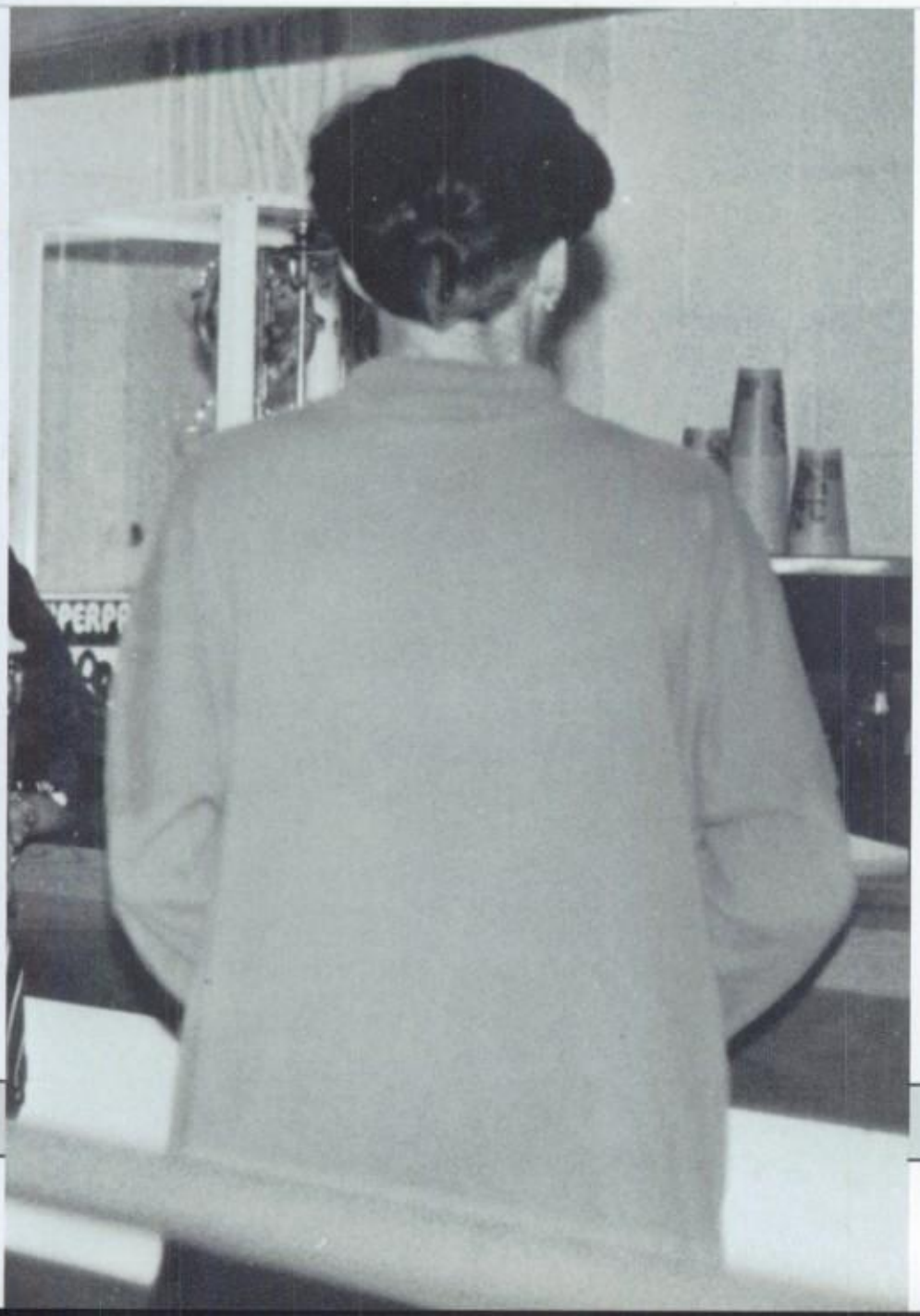

Since Seniors left class three minutes earlier than anyone else, they could be first in line at lunch. Maura Brown takes advantage of her Senior Priviliges to buy lunch and find a seat before the underclassmen arrive.

Gazing Into The Past

None of us can truly say that he remembers much about 1970 — the year in which most Seniors were born. 1970 was a tumultuous year for both the country and the community. At Kent State University in Ohio, National Guardsmen shot and killed four students who were protesting U.S. involvement in Viet Nam. On the lighter side, "The Tonight Show" host Johnny Carson moved back to California.

1970 was definitely a year of transition. The death of Jimi Hendrix was the beginning of the end of the hippies.

1988 proved equally as transitory. Besides graduating, Seniors had to choose among presidential candidates who to many, appeared equally unappealing. The spread of AIDS, the use of drugs, apartheid and the '88 Olympics were issues that the newly eighteen year olds faced.

By Jon Rozzell

The computer was a luxury used only by very sophisticated scientists in 1970. Beth Handros and Jennifer Finley learn to use modern equipment in a computer course offered commonly at school.

Jodi D. Climo

Lane R. Clopper

Daniel Coffing

Jeffrey A. Cook

John D. Cook

Lisa J. Cooper

Brian F. Criste

Andrew M. Criswell

Douglas B. Cruce

Perry A. Day

Susan D. De Gavre

Christine M. DeSanctis

Deborah G. Colavito

Gary M. Cole

Kathryn L. Cole

Katherine A. Collins

Rhonda D. Conn

Eric C. Cook

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Heath M. Corso

Lisa C. Cosentino

Geoffrey A. Coulter

Joseph M. Crabill

Brian J. Craddock

Deborah A. Crunkilton

Stephen J. Cummings

Doreen G. Daniel

Heidi L. Daniel

Noelle D. Dattilo

Nathan G. Davies

Marilyn E. Deady

Laura A. Debus

Alyssa C. Delutis

Bret C. Dennis

James J. Depoy

Heidi E. Deringer

Slumping Off

The human species encounters a strange biological phenomenon sometime between the ages of seventeen and eighteen. Doctors attribute it to hormones, parents and teacher attribute it to inherent laziness, and high school students know it as Senior Slump. A typical Senior in the prime of her slump will roll out of bed at 7:00 a.m., throw on a pair of sweats, rush out the door and be seated in first period by 7:30.

Another characteristic of a slumping Senior was her sudden aversion, to the point of rejection, of homework. Jeff Altman, who began his slump early since UVa accepted him on early decision, explained his philosophy as, "Put off until tomorrow what you can, and put everything else off until next week." Normally responsible students threw off their shackles and did, as Jennifer Carrico said, "just enough to get by."

Jennifer Juul offered some tips to Seniors: "I didn't do any homework. I spent time on everything except academics — I even resorted to going to Math Team to avoid my homework...I always told my parents I did my homework....I was a pathological hoper."

By Terry Stryer

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Daniel R. Dove

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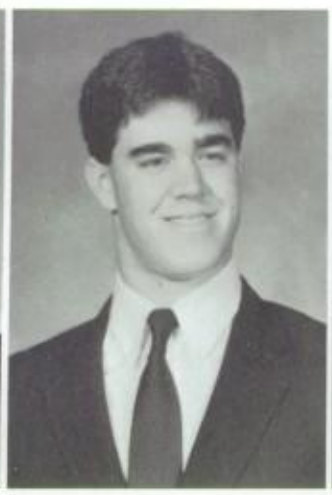
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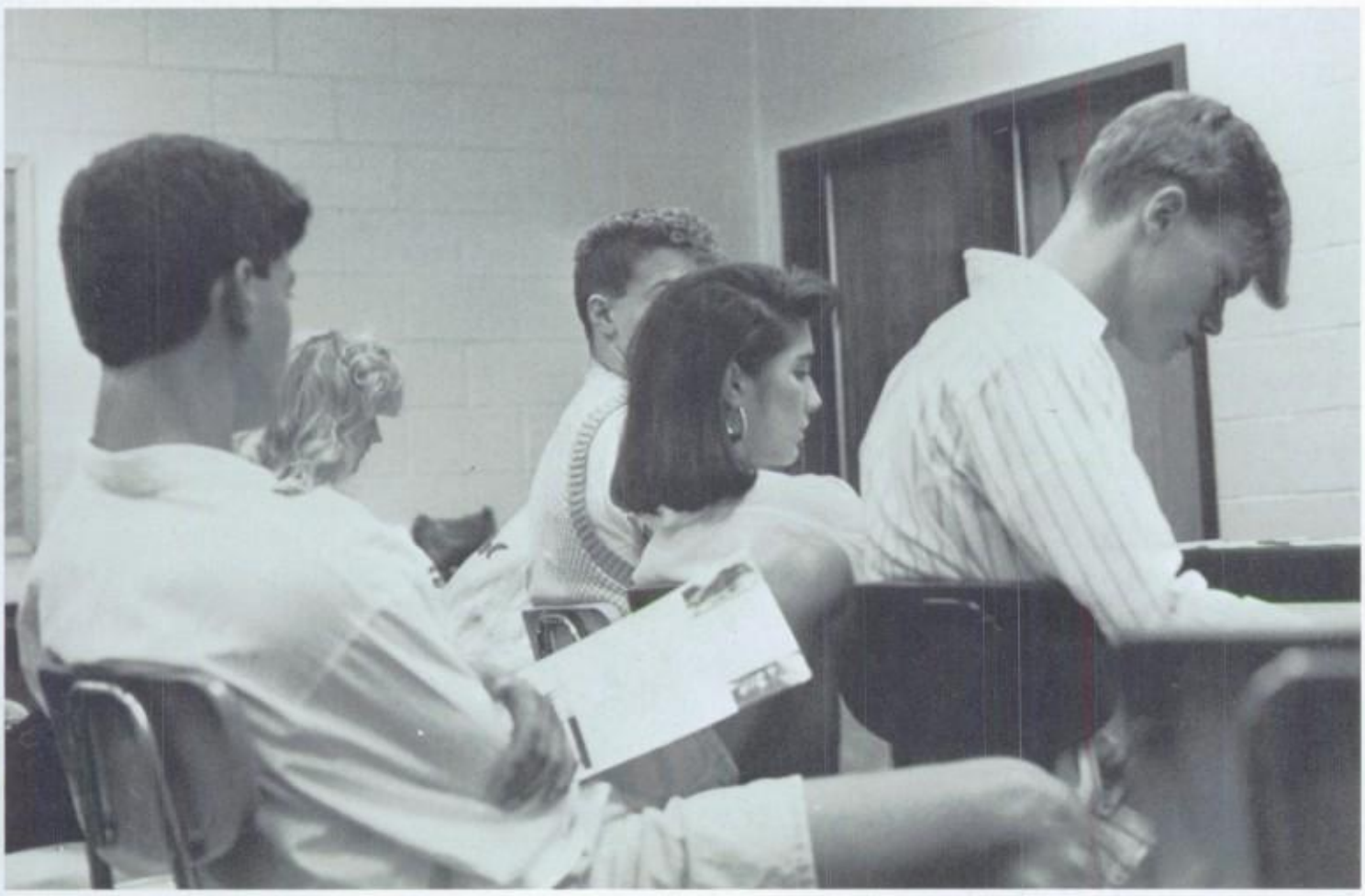
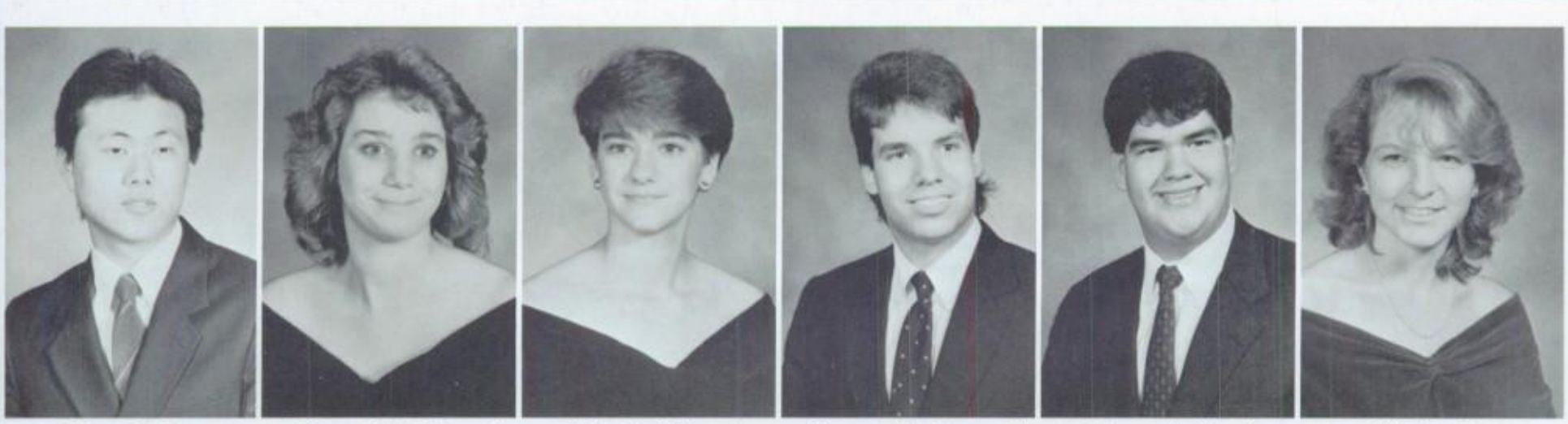


By doing homework that has nothing to do with the class they are in, Carlos Linares, Valerie Leeper and Eric Raecke display symptoms of Senior Slump.



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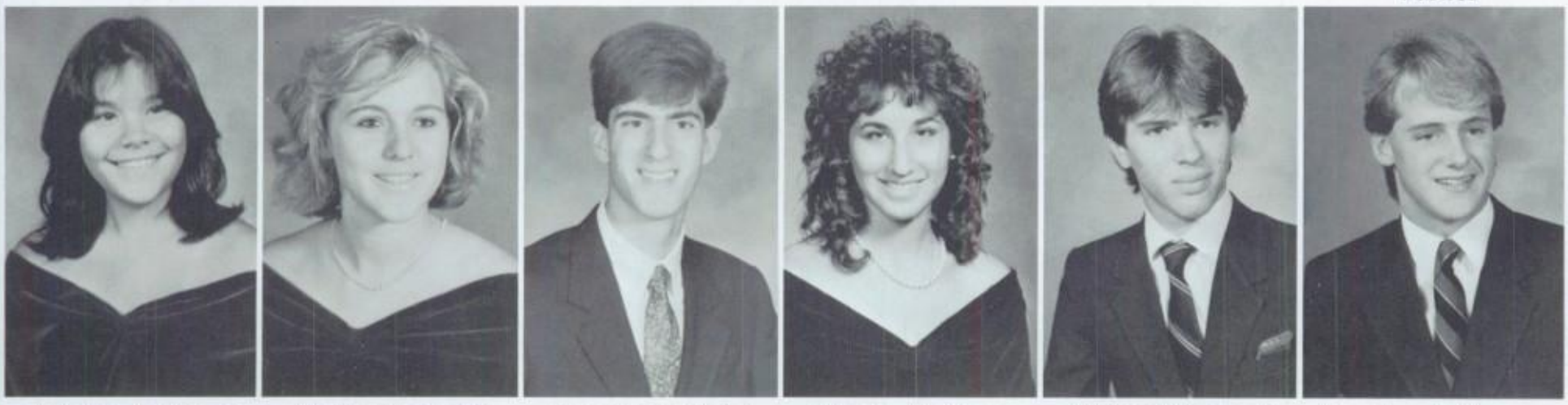

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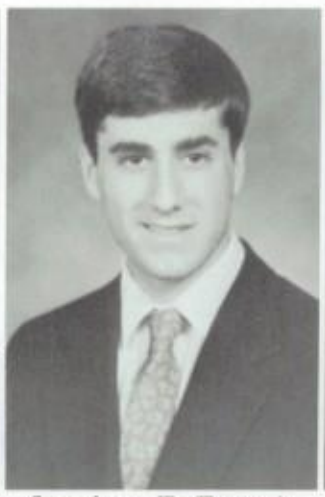
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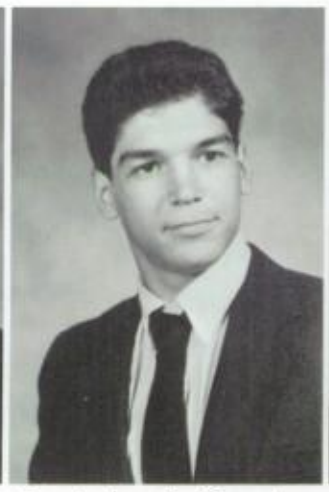
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Krista B. Grigg

Shelley L. Gubanich

David M. Gudinas

Going Places

Leonard S. Gunsior

Leah E. Gutensohn

Deena M. Hacker

Lisa C. Halbrook

Kristin M. Halizak

Jolie M. Hall

Keith B. Hall

Meghan B. Hall

Debra C. Hamby

Ruth E. Hammervold

Doojin Han

Paul A. Hansen

One thing everyone in high school felt was a sense of freedom, learned at fifteen years, eight months, and carried on through the rest of life — driving.

Almost everyone had the experience of driving a "bomb". Usually a green boat that stalled out six times on the way to school, but carried eighty people, or an orange put-put car that barely went from point A to point B while guzzling gallons of gas,the car, never the less, symbolized freedom.

A poll showed that the biggest "bomb", was a station wagon. A Hyundai, pick-up truck and le Car followed in unpopularity. Tricia Popular and Megan Morra agreed, "A station wagon, with the fake wood on the sides, is the least cool car."

These pitiful, ugly cars held out and came through, providing newly freed students with the least cool vehicles possible to get them where they were going.

By Karen House

It might be uncool, but it's paid for...and in another five years it will be an antique.

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Ann Harper

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Thomas K. Harris

Kevin J. Harrison

Carrie A. Haskins

Julie A. Haskins

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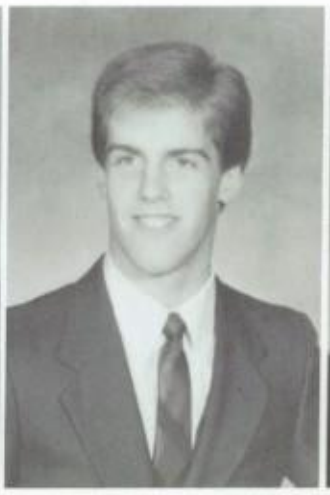

Robert D. Havlu

Deborah A. Healy

Kristine Healy

Lara E. Heck

Spills Are A Bummer

Seniors had many problems that the general population did not appreciate. Here is a list of randomly surveyed complaints. It's a bummer when...

Andy Phalan: "...you're drinking lemonade and you have a paper cut."

Ted Martin: "...you have to go down the gym hall but you don't want Coach Labbazetta to see you."

Matt Lee: "...you drive around all Saturday night and can't find a party"

Mike Powderly: "...people mess up my hair."

By Brian Gorges

Tripping over someone's foot in the hall and losing all of your homework is really a bummer.

Garrett M. Heenan

Deborah L. Heimlich

Dagmar Hengesbach

Shelley C. Henley

Michael E. Hensley

James W. Herndon

Robert T. Hicks

Sovanna Hiep

Vuthea Hiep

Melissa L. Higgins

Curt T. Hilliard

Nathan A. Hills

It's a bummer for Amy McBride when, at lunch, fruit juice gets spilled on her sweater.

Registering For Responsibility

As Seniors neared graduation, the resonsibilities of adulthood became a reality. One exciting responsibility the almost eighteen and just turned eighteen-year-olds had was the prospect of voting in the 1988 Presidential Election.

Registrars from the Office of Voter Registration visited government classes in early December, and students registered to vote. The only requirements were that the Seniors were citizens of the United States of America, citizens of Virginia and would be eighteen years old by November 8, 1988.

Most Seniors understood the significance of this simple procedure. It meant that they would have the opportunity to vote for representatives in Congress and the Senate, and a President, who could change the world. As participating American citizens, Seniors realized that they could have an impact on the future, "I think it's neat," said Lauren Becker. Mia McKeta added, "It's really good that they came to school....I think it's neat, too."

By Terry Stryer

On the registration form, Doug Horne writes his name, address and other general information before he swears that the information is true.

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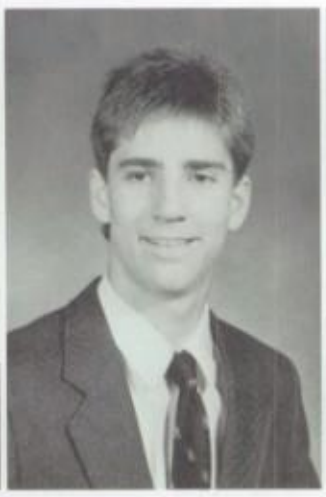
Erika K. Hoffman



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Mark W. Hurley

Amy E. Hutchings

George B. Irwin

Jonathan L. Ischinger

Michael J. Jacanin

Kyle A. Jackson

Elizabeth A. Jaudon

Natalie A. Jefferson

Erin C. Jeffords

Byron W. Jenkins

Kate B. Jenkins

Mark R. Jenkins

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Robert G. Johnson

Carrie L. Jones

Denise Jordan

James D. Joyce

Jennifer K. Juul

Dimitris Kapsis

Getting Away

Many students suddenly felt sick on days when they had major tests or the weather was too nice to go to school. On the days when students, for one reason or another, could not manage to come into school, they occupied themselves in amusing ways. Obviously, they were not that sick if they wandered over to the mall or stopped at Roy Roger's for a hamburger.

Students found skipping school fun only if they were not caught. "Skipping school is an art that takes about a year to perfect, if you don't want to get caught," said a junior who wished to remain anonymous. Getting caught resulted in a phone call home, if the offense were not too serious, for instance, taking an extra lunch or in house suspension, for those who skipped an entire day.

The administration really cracked down on skippers. Three unexcused absenses meant a failing grade in the course. Teachers also insisted that tardy students get passes from Student Administration, making it doubly difficult to slip in late, unnoticed.

By Jordonna Hoffma

Noel H. Katcharian

Kathryn M. Kent

John S. Kern

Brian D. Kerns

Tracey Kerr

Gurpreet J.Khalsa

Charlotte E. Kidd

Christopher D. Kidd

Jae K. Kim

James S. Kim

Walter T. Klaus

Janine R. Knapp

Students anxious to get home get an early start before the afternoon rush.

Robert M. Koehler

Karen Koenig

Kyle L. Koontz

Gretchen A. Kraft

Gregory P. Krantz

Mark R. Kugler

Caroline E. Kunz

Michelle A. La Marche

Jean Paul Lacy

Costas D. Lallas

Jennifer L. Lapp

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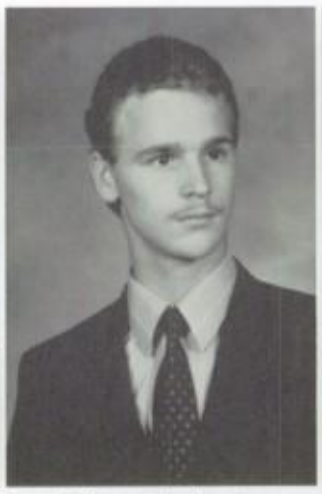
My Phuong Le

Thu Q. Le



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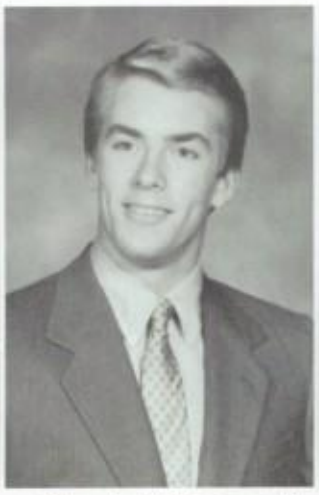

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Luis C. Linares

Sandra E. Lubkeman

John Lundeen

Garrett W. Lydic

Chris F. Lyons

Bryan C. Maben

Susan I. MacGregor

Kristen L. Mackey

Paul A. Madsen

Kyung A. Maeng

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Yiorgo K. Makris

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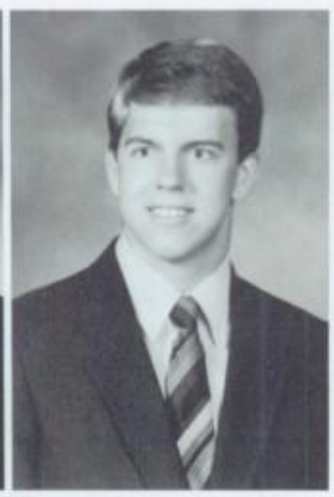

Jarrett L. McCleskey

Proceeding Judicially

"Objection, your Honor," became a popular cry on December 12 as Woodson government students joined other Fairfax County high schools in the Model Judiciary.

On November 18, some government students spent the day in the Fairfax County Courthouse to aquaint themselves with the judicial system and the roles of bailiffs, clerks, attorneys, jurors and judges. Students then received scripts for simulated court cases.

Once Mrs. Hoch and Mrs. Foster, government teachers, had chosen the teams of lawyers and witnesses, the students had to develop a case to present in court on December 12 before a real judge.

In courtroom 5G, where the medical malpractice suit **Smith v. Jones** took place, Judge J. Howe Brown Jr. gave their performance an "outstanding."

By Emily Allen

Dan Shanahan and Donna Hirsch prepare their evidence during a recess at the Model Judiciary.

Kerry A. McGrath

Suzanne H. McGrath

Mia M. McKeta

Abigail P. McNulty

Victoria M. Meginley

Michael S. Mercier

Jorge H. Mestre

Benjamin F. Meyer

Lisa A. Michaelis

Beth A. Miller

Karyn E. Miller

Tracy M. Miller

Expressing Feelings

Seniors smile excitedly as they fill out forms that enable them to receive their diplomas.

Trevor B. Miller

Christopher J. Milner

Hardin D. Mitchell

Camille J. Mitchiner

Jeannie S. Mong

Shanna L. Moore

Michael D. Moran

Bruce N. Morris

Melanie K. Moser

Marc J. Moshides

Rosemary Mottola

Shawn P. Mullen

Jennifer Quinones shrinks back in her desk as a barrier signal to anyone who dares approach her.

An expression of delight crosses Chris McAllister's face as he gazes at the Homecoming Festivities.

Just Asking

In their never ending quest for the answers to questions such as which college to attend, how to get a job interview and why the lockers are yellow, Peter Murray and his fellow Seniors look to the Career Center for help.

Although Seniors have survived four years at this high school, many questions about the surroundings remain. Perhaps an attempt to answer them will help other classes discover the answers to these burning questions.

1)Whose limosine parked in front of the school almost every day during lunch?

2)What are those blue things that hang from the ceiling in the gym?

3)Where did the clinic go?

4)Why did they paint the lockers yellow?

5)What was the new attendance policy?

6)Why was the toilet paper chained to the stalls in the girls' bathrooms?

7)How would we know that there was an actual nuclear war if it happened precisely at noon on Wednesday?

By Laura Barchi

Debra E. Mullins

Laura M. Murphy

Peter K. Murray

Neil M. Nahoum

David C. Nay

Debra D. Neely

Victoria L. Nelms

Kathy M. Nelson

Renee N. Nelson

Sean C. Newborn

John L. Newhart

Kimberly R. Newman

Van H. Nguyen

Ann C. Nicogossian

Laura J. Nordness

Jill M. Nosker

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William E. O'Donnell

Kerry L. O'Leary

James K. O'Malley

Shannon E. Old

Elizabeth S. Olesch

Robert J. Opfer

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Jeanette E. Ozmina

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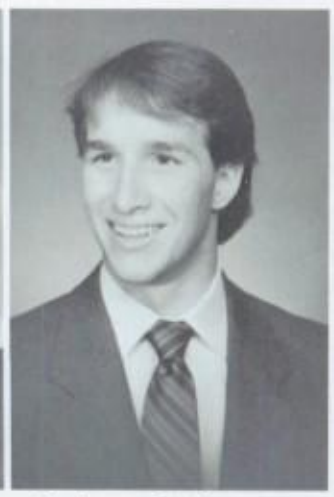


Robert C. Pearce

Burning Down The House

Imagine walking through fire while debris falls and ignites at you feet. This inferno may frighten most people, but some students decided to brave the danger. In December, David Gudinas became a volunteer fireman. He began training on the first day of his Senior year.

After one month of Station training in which he learned the equipment and standard operating procedures, David attended the Fire Fighting Academy. For four months, David worked as a "red hat" fireman. As a red hat, he acted as a third aid on ambulances, helped pull people out of wrecked cars, directed traffic around accidents and fires, and saved valuables from fires.

"You can do anything as red hat volunteers except go into burning houses," explained David. "When I went into a fire for the first time, I was surprized. I could barely feel the heat and I felt pretty secure."

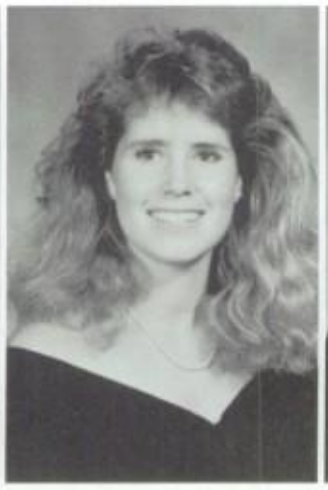
In the last weeks of the Academy, the red hats practiced on structural fires. They fought their first fire in groups of three; David had more responsibility than he had expected.

"Three of us were working the nozzle when one guy got burned and another got tired. Unknown to me, they left. Then, when I was trying to get spray near the house, I turned around to find myself alone. I was doing the work of three people."

After taking the State Exam, which consisted of 150 written questions, David became a full-fledged "yellow hat" volunteer fireman.

By Jennifer A. Bryson

Karen J. Peck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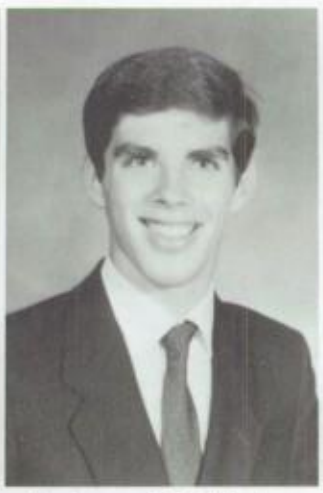
Andrew M. Phalan

Jodi M. Phillips

Red hat volunteer firemen go to a special fire fighting school where they practice putting out fires on land that has been donated or sold to the fire department for the purpose of setting on fire. David Gudinas and the two other men on his team work together to get the flames under control.

Thomas H. Phillips

Nicole J. Pierce

Tammy J. Plaugher

Kari A. Pless

Christian E. Pollard

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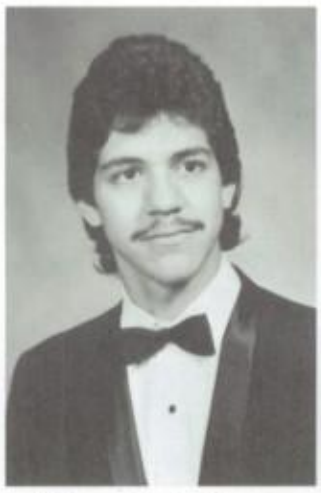

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Peter A. Rappe

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Julie E. Roberts

Paul A. Robinson

Shernita L. Rochelle

Buck T. Rogers

Alison V. Ross

Marianne C. Rossi

Michael D. Rossi

Jon T. Rozzell

Brian W. Russell

Cynthia J. Ryan

Sung-Yoon Ryoo

Steven A. Saari

Rachel L. Salas

Ramon A. Sandin

Duncan P. Satchell

Travis M. Scarborough

Corbin T. Schaefer

Helping Each Other

Especially in difficult courses, students sometimes experienced that sinking feeling of being totally lost in a class. Fortunately, Cavalier Hall came to the rescue.

Members of the National Honor Society gave their time to help students having problems in any subject area. On any Tuesday or Thursday, one could get help or give help in any academic subject. Not only did the people in need of help benefit from Cavalier Hall, but the tutors received one of the three points required to get a National Honor Society gold tassel for graduation.

Thu Le was chairperson of Cavalier Hall, and along with sponsor Mrs. Ewing, paired people up for tutoring. Thu said, "Being chairperson taught me how to be very organized, ... since I did some tutoring myself, I felt this experience gave me a good idea of how to teach." Students were tutored either on a long term basis with a certain NHS member to work with every week, or on a one shot deal with whomever was at Cavalier Hall to help that day.

Cavalier Hall not only helped those having problems in certain subjects, but also gave NHS members the chance to help other students. Everyone benefitted from Cavalier Hall.

By Laura Barchi

On a typical afternoon in Cavalier Hall, National Honor Society member Sandy Yatsko helps a person having trouble with his school work.

Brian P. Schiesl

Dawn Schmidt

Elizabeth Schmitt

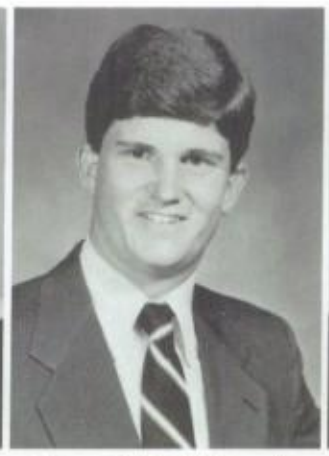
Jeffrey D. Schnore

Mary M. Seamon

Scott R. Sedjo

Ingrid E. Seifert

Wendy J. Shaltis



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Scott W. Sheafe

Anne E. Sheap

Thomas L. Sherwood

Filling In Dots

The Scholastic Aptitude Test, or the SAT, better known to most students as the darkest and most confusing four hours of their lives, has struck fear in the hearts of many and left a few incapable of speech. Yet some students took this grueling exam more than once. They put themselves through torture twice, even three times, desiring a higher score.

Students who survived the SAT could be divided into three catagories: those who did nothing to prepare for the test, partied heavily the night before and came to the test center complaining that the hairs on their heads hurt; those who cracked open the sample test booklet the night before and went to sleep before 11:00; and those who took every type of review course plus bought the computer course on how to beat the SAT's. The last group went to sleep by 8:00 and arrived at the test center the next morning with five forms of identification and twenty number two pencils.

The test itself had the same effect on each of these groupings: everyone walked out of the test center with the same glassy-eyed, open-mouthed expression that made them look as if their brains had been fried.

By Bill Peters

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Amy Shisler

Kathleen G. Short

Laurel A. Shultzaberger

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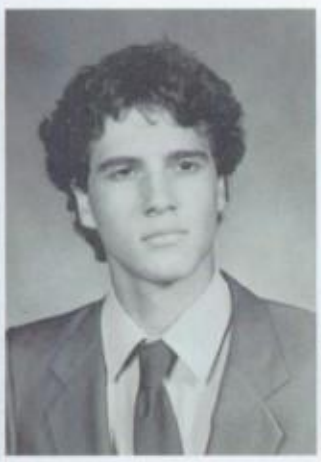
Tiffany M. Simmons



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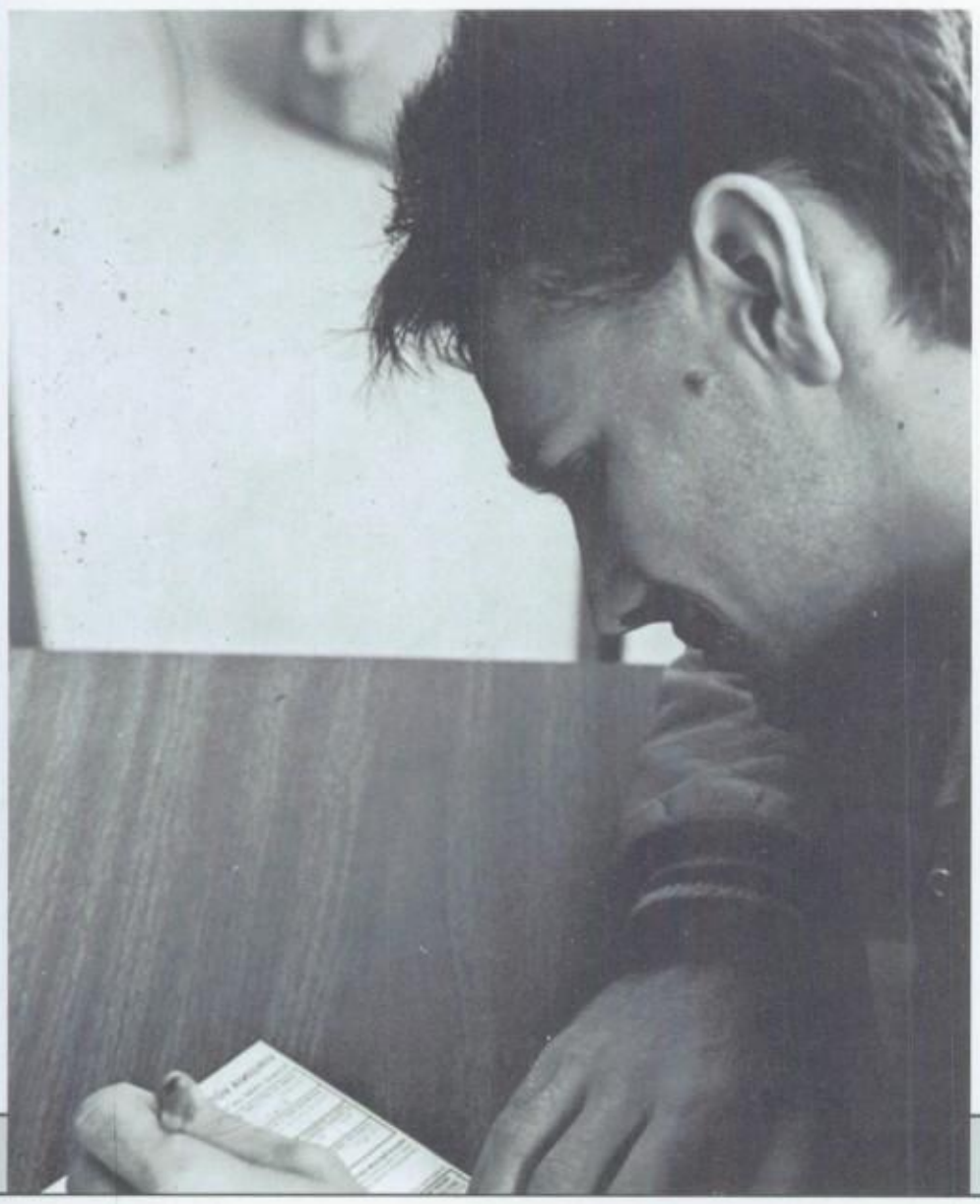


After taking the SAT's, Kyle Koontz compulsively colors in small circles with a number two lead pencil.

Seniors Taking Gym

One of the most thrilling thoughts that crossed a sophomore's mind was that he would not have to take gym after the tenth grade. No more sweaty gym uniforms that had to be carried home on Friday and were usually forgotten on Monday. No more changing back into normal clothes while still sweaty and no more ruined hair do's.

While these visions made some people happy, there were others, who although Seniors, took gym. Some people pondered why someone would sweat by choice.

Brian Gorges explained why he took gym this year, as a Senior. He said, "I took gym as a Senior because I wanted to be on a weight lifting program to strengthen up for football. When I do sports after school, I am unable to lift weights as often as I would like and taking gym gives me the opportunity to do this in class."

Although some people found a good reason to continue taking gym, a majority of students could not wait to stop taking gym.

By Laura Barchi

Weight lifting in gym helps Brian Gorges and Colby Leonard with their football game.

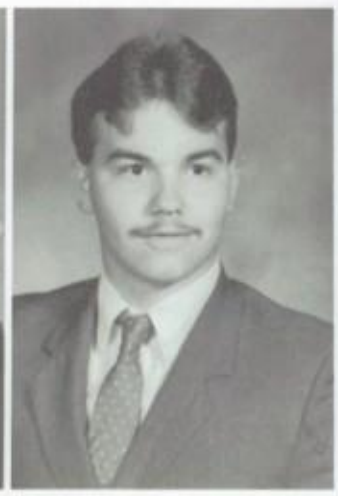
Sharon N. Smith

Valerie S. Smith

Soo-Jung Song

Jeremy S. Speakes

Julianne Speights



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Darin W. Stolte

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Michael S. Stuart

Amy E. Stults

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Brandon C. Sullivan

Shannon Sullivan

Mariko Suzuki

Daniel L. Svec

Daniel S. Swinney

Jeffrey L. Tackett

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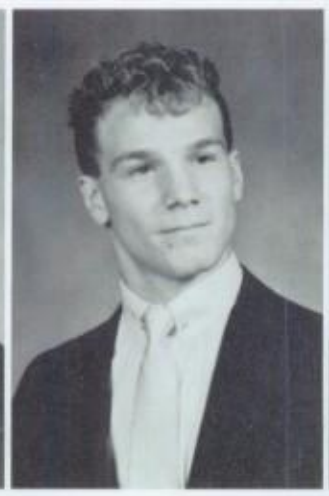

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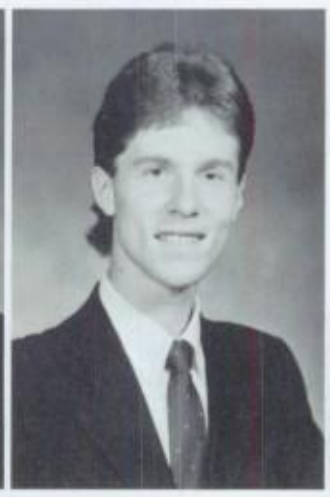

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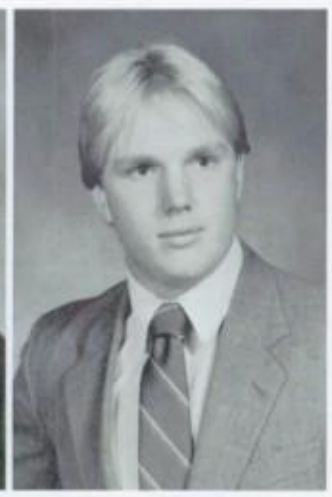

Tracy B. Tobin

Acting In English

Rumors said that Senior year would be a time when life was great, college acceptances came rolling in and school could be blown off. The people who said these things as underclassmen had never taken an advanced placement class. While other teachers might have eased up on students in their final months of high school, AP teachers kept piling on the homework with a book a month, a paper every week and special projects that never ended. Some may have thought that AP classes had .5 added so Seniors would work just as hard and still get a better grade. These students soon learned the error in their ways and realized that AP teachers expected twice as much work .

Joel Allen said, "AP classes were a lot harder than I expected them to be. The teachers really make you work for that extra point five." The advantage of taking an AP course was that colleges liked students who took more challenging classes. Seniors recalled this idea often as they struggled through the year.

By Laura Barchi

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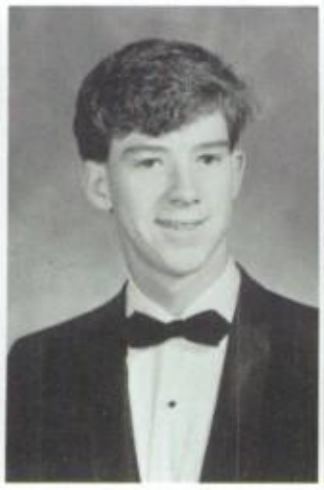

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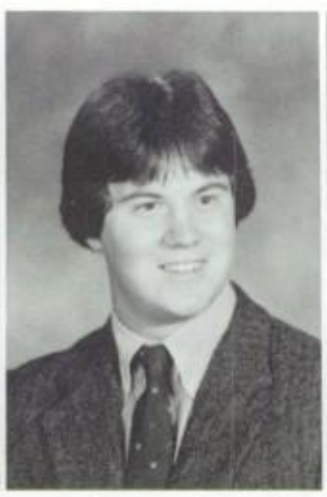

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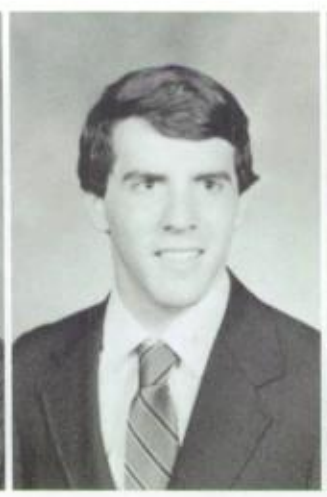

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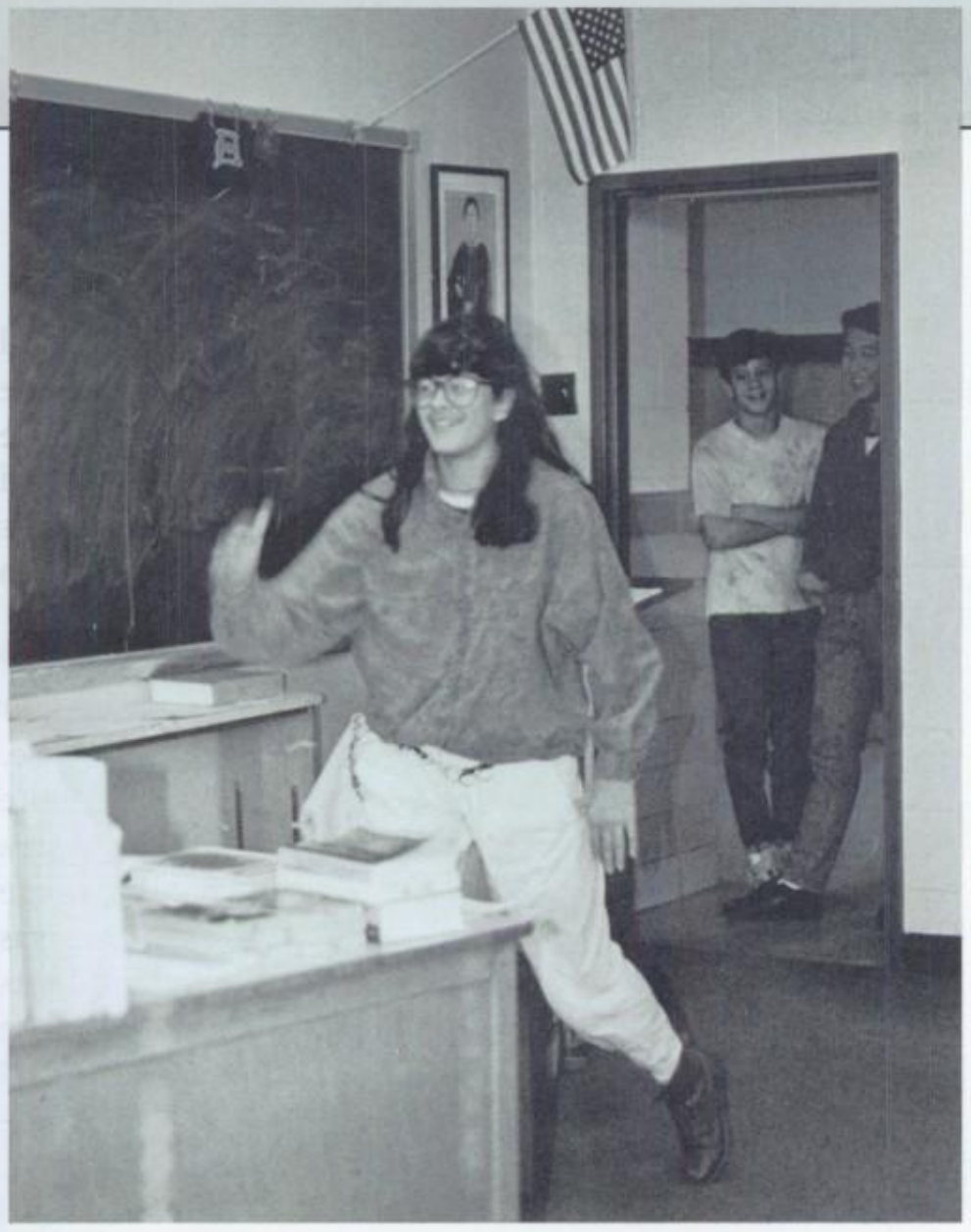

Every month, AP English students had to read a different work of literature. In November, when they read Dante's **Inferno**, Miss Bower's classes acted parts out. Tracy Concannon shows Dante's descent to Hell.

Laila M. Vincent

Lan M. Vu

Samuel C. Wagner

Diana L. Waldron

Howell N. Watson

Seth B. Waxman

Jason W. Webb

Lara K. Wheeler

Nicole I. Whittaker

Jon S. Wijnand

Roy G. Wilburn

Matthew F. Wilcox

Jennifer Y. Williams

Lewis R. Williams

Helen S. Willoughby

Jason T. Willoughby

Elizabeth C. Wilson

Michael R. Wimer

Jennifer M. Winkle

Judith A. Winkle

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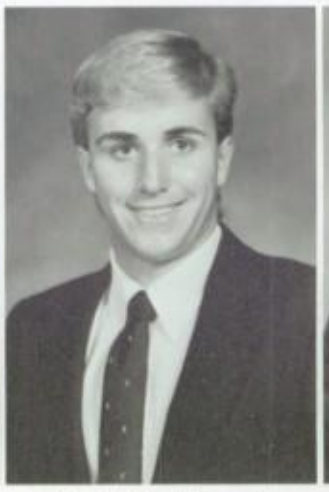
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David K. Yoo

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Kyung W. Yoo

Susan Yoo

Alex A. Young

Daniel B. Young

James T. Zois

Deirdre Orceyre

Daniel A. Narragon

High-lights

Volunteers helped make this year special by doing chores, helping extra curricular activities and lending a hand. In a thank you banquet, Byron Jenkins and Liz Petrolak serve dinner to the volunteers to show our appreciation.

Ugly Senior Day proved to be a highlight of the Senior's last year here. Danis Urban panhandles money from underclassmen at lunch. The success of Ugly Senior Day stemmed from the high participation of Seniors.

Work Leads To Fun

The Junior Class officers were pretty much the same as they have been since junior high. With Dave Koplan in his third year as president, Tim Kunihiro as vice-president, Christy Yang as secretary, Diane Cruce as treasurer and Keith George and Beth Winston as senators, the class had a strong group of leaders.

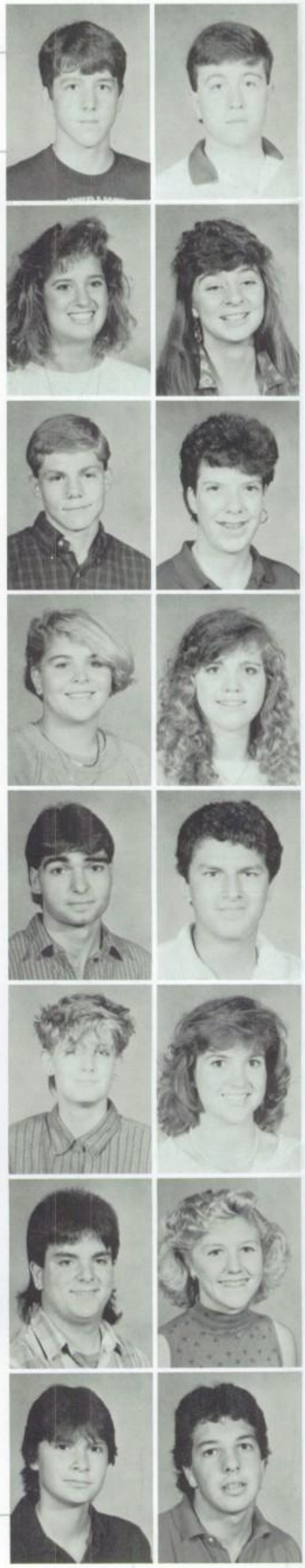
The Junior Class sponsored the successful Sadie Hawkins Dance, the Sweetheart Dance in February and the Junior Prom. Through organization and work they won the float contest at the Homecoming Game. In October, they helped with a dog show to earn money for the class treasury.

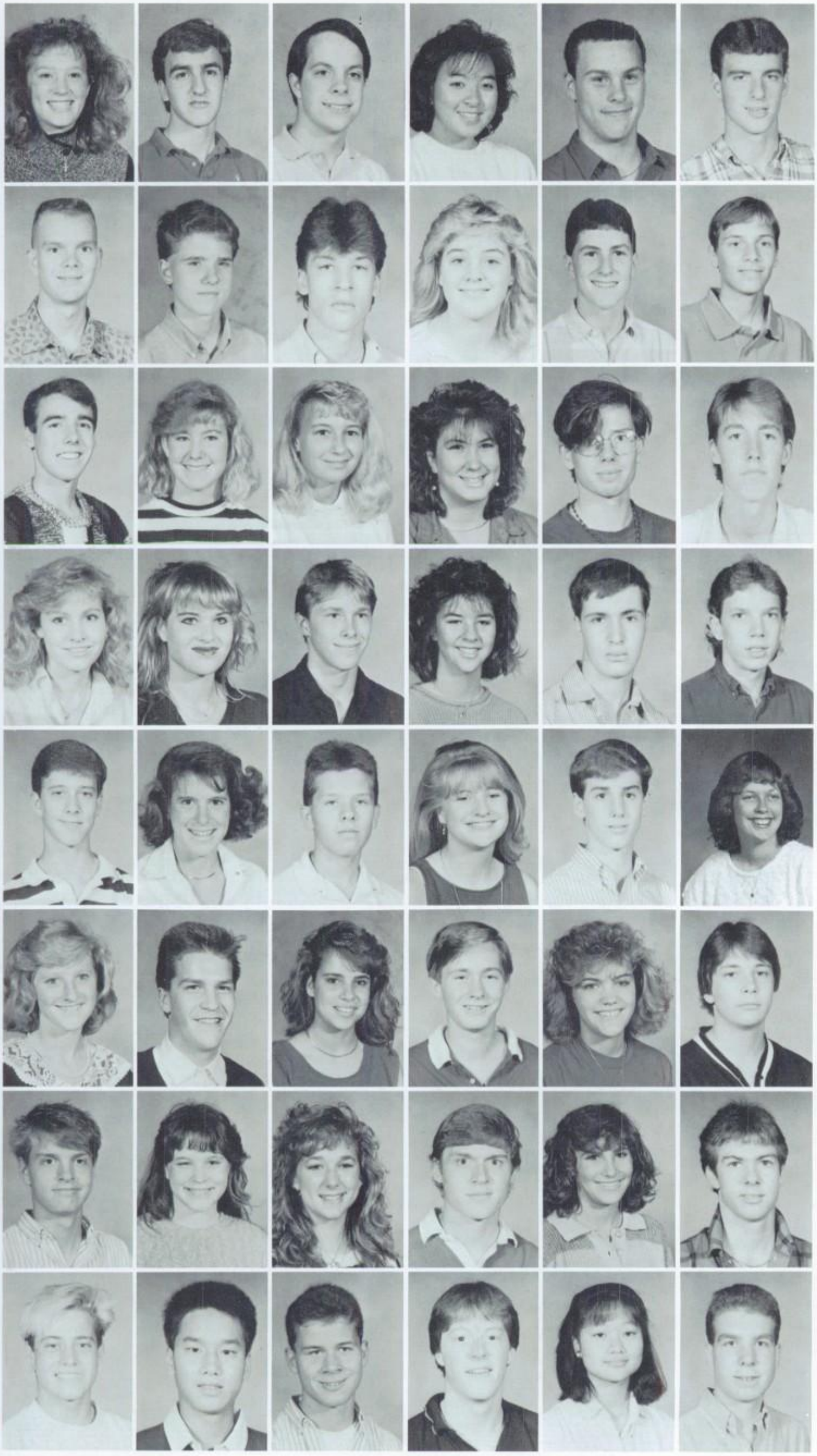
Mr. Mark Cowden, Mr. Lance Bonnet and Ms. Jerri Ewing, the Junior Class sponsors, helped the juniors in all of their endeavors. Meetings, fundraisers and fun activities would not have been the same without their help.

President David Koplan said of his class, "We were the best because we had a lot of unity. The people were great and easy to deal with. We had a lot of spirit, too." Senator Beth Winston agreed, "We had a lot of people who all worked together. We got involved ...We were a great class and we had a lot of fun."

By Karen House

Junior Class officers Beth Winston, senator, David Koplan, president, Christy Yang, secretary, Tim Kunihiro, vice-president and Keith George, senator, sit and stand tall, proud of their work for their class.





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John Anderson
William Armstrong

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Tammy Ayers
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David Bailey
Kristina Ballard
Harold Bame
Michael Barrett

Timothy Barton
Nicole Bashaw
Frederick Bates
Karen Bautz
Jennifer Beck
Wendy Bellinger
Patrick Best
Scott Bishopp

Kimberly Bladen
Suzanne Blanchfield
Tatyanna Blaylock
Patricia Blood
Jonathan Boes
Tonya Bolton
Michael Bosco
John Bostic

Mark Bouck
Donald Bowyer
Walter Bridgman
Brooke Brinkerhoff
William Brinton
Amy Brown
Christopher Brown
Inger Brown

Heather Bryan
Anne Brzonkala
Johna Burke
Bradley Bushman
Heidy Buttari
Clarke Cagey
Shannon Cake
Keith Calabrese

Steven Camp
Stacie Campell
William Campbell
Jennifer Carey
Jennifer Carr
Glenn Cavert
Lara Cegala
David Cerio

Robert Cesca
Chris Chamer
James Cheney
Martin Chian
Steven Chisholm
Douglas Chism
Hyeon Choi
Scott Christopher

Proudly standing on their creation, juniors Helen Moss, Beth Winston, Steve Camp, Tim Kunihiro and Joe Romano ride on their float as it parades in front of the school.

Louis Clark
Terrell Clark
Tracy Clough
Craig Cohen
David Cohen
Rochelle Cohen

Scott Colby
Kathleen Combs
Leigh Copeland
Charles Covington
Dean Cowles
Joseph Cox

Michael Coyle
Shane Crandall
Michael Crook
Diane Cruce
Matthew Cummings
Celeste Curcio

Denny D'Alelio
Maria D'Errico
Elizabeth Dale
Tia Dalton
Timothy Davis
Susan De Frees

Kristy De Leonardis
Sean Deeny
Chris Degenhardt
Christopher Derrickson
Samantha Dickinson
Michelle Dillon

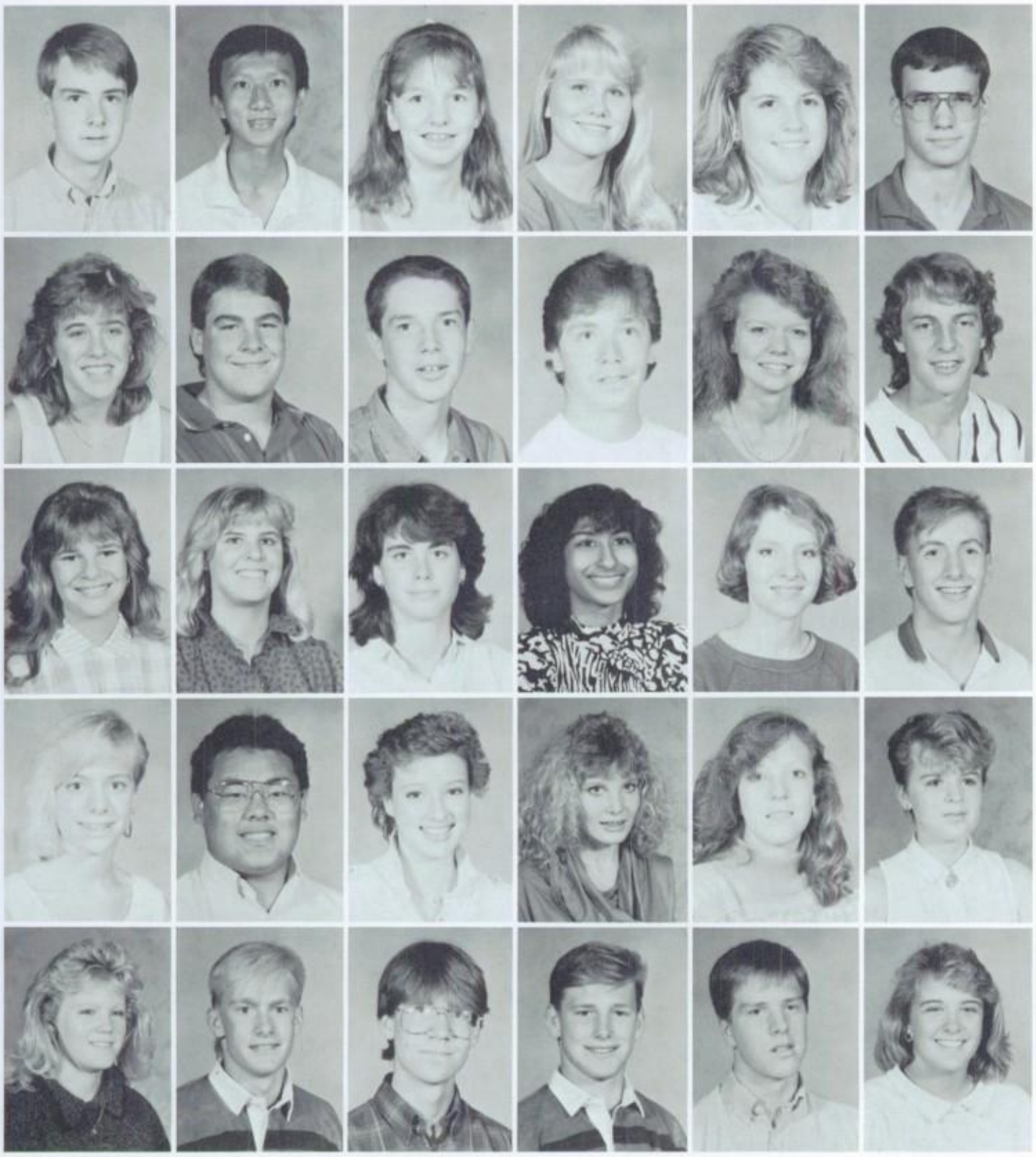
Juniors Create A Winning Float

Fred, Wilma, Barney and Betty would have been proud. Even Mr. Slate might have given poor Fred the raise he's been asking for the last few thousand years had he seen the image of his most ornery employee drive around the track at halftime during the Homecoming Game. Fred surely would have shouted, "Yaba Dabba Doo!" when the juniors' float won first place in the float competition.

Excited juniors began working weeks before the Homecoming Game. Tricia Popular, Keith George, Danny Duenkel, Beth Winston and many others hosted float parties. They spent endless hours transforming tissue paper into a winning float. With home base at Maria D'Errico's house, the last week was spent finishing the float and adding the final touches.

Juniors gave various reasons for attending float parties. Tricia Popular said, "I came to support my class." Christie Yang explained, "I'm dedicated to my class." Many came just to have fun, though. Socializing was a popular excuse for going. Who said work and fun don't mix? For the juniors, they did.

By Rita Nee



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Erin Donovan
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Chris Dunn
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Stephanie Easley
Chad Eckelberger

Marilynne Eder
Diane Egede-Nissen
Jennifer Ehalt
Gayla Elam
Vanessa Eldredge
Jerome Ellison

Carolyn Engel
Hee Eun
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Melissa Fellenz
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Laura Ferguson
Jason Finch
Matthew Findley
Joel Fister
Robert Fitzpatrick
Catherine Flaherty

Patricia Fleming
Cheryl Franks
Blake Frazier
Stephen Frazier
Alexander Fry
Lisa Furtman
Anne Marie Galdo
Roman Galysh

Maureen Garrett
David Gatenby
Theresa Gee
Eric Geibel
Keith George
John Gies
Darin Gleason
Richard Goldsmith

Jennifer Grant
Jeremy Green
Michelle Greenberg
Anthony Gresko
Jennifer Griffith
Krista Grigg
Jennifer Gully
Julia Gustafson

Heather Haddow
Robert Halstead
Albert Han
Jea Han
Beth Handros
James Harrington
Lauren Harris
Andrew Harrison

James Harrison
John Hartingh
Tracey Hayes
Eric Hazzard
Edward Healy
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David Hemmings
Sean Henderson

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Cynthis Houghton
Karen House
Robert Howland
Susette Huergo
Michael Hunter
Stephanie Hurley
Matthew Jansohn
Stacy Janusz

Getting Hitched

On November 21, the Junior Class put on the annual Sadie Hawkins Dance. Students wore their country best. Girls donned straw hats, overalls and plaid shirts and took their dates out for an evening. People talked, danced and had a good time, but the highlight of the evening was getting pictures taken with a group of friends, poised on haystacks. Another popular activity was getting "hitched" at the hitching post.

Kelley Mumford and Tim Kunihiro were voted Daisy Mae and Lil' Abner. Two weeks before the dance, juniors nominated friends to be selected, and the week before the dance, they voted. Kelley said "I was so surprized to be chosen as Daisy Mae, but not at all surprized that Tim was Lil' Abner. I couldn't have chosen a better Lil' Abner." The Sadie Hawkins Dance was a night students remembered as a chance for a role reversal between girls and guys in the dating game.

By Julie Gustafson

In Dogpatch, home of Lil' Abner and Daisy Mae, on Sadie Hawkins Day, the man a woman caught married her. Students here carried on a similar tradition; couples get hitched at the Sadie Hawkins Dance.

Margaret Jarman
Beth Jensen
Shawn Jester
David Jolley
Vanessa Jordan
Theresa Kang

Billy Karabelas
Karen Karver
Aaron Katz
David Kaufman
Sophia Kavarligos
Michael Keenan

Eero Keravori
Elizabeth Kern
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Steve Kim
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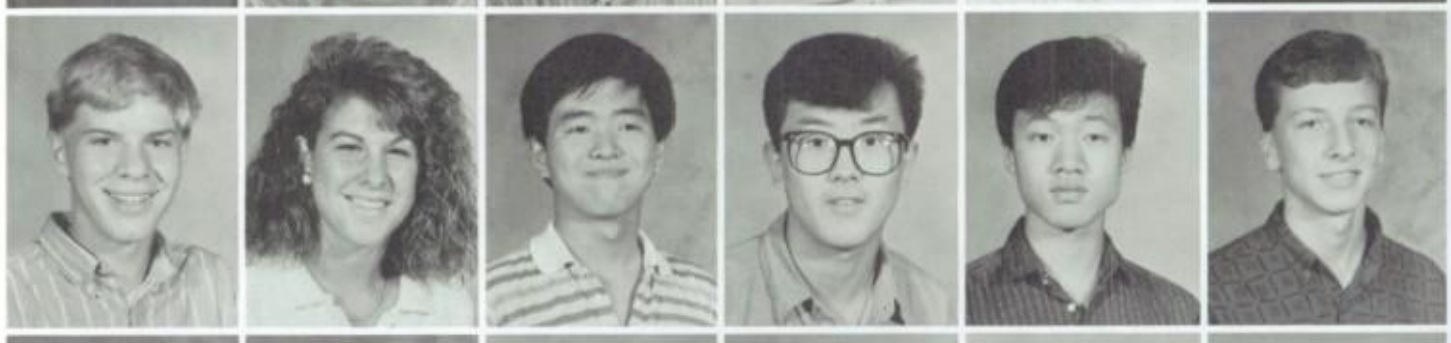

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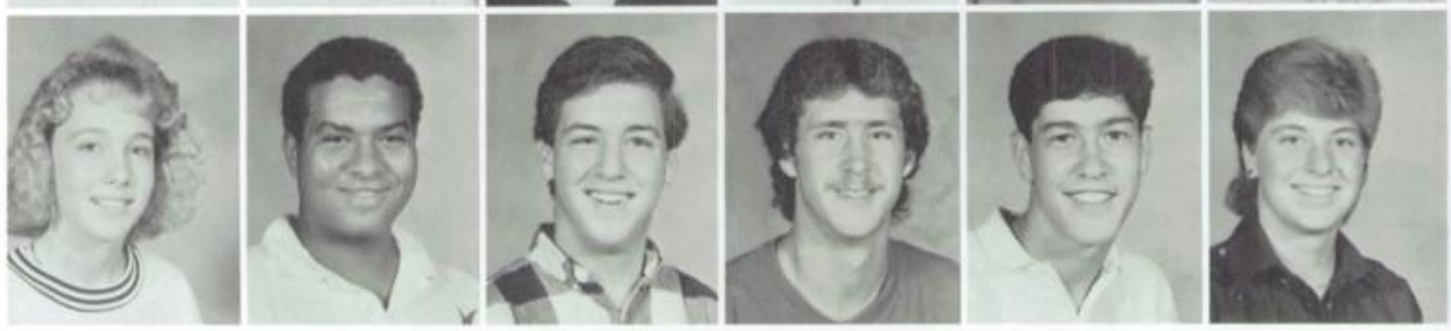
Kristin Kunstel



Learning Helpful Hints

Students developed unusual study habits as shortcuts to learning material quickly and easily. A few shared the tricks that they have developed that helped them earn good grades this year.

Pam McMains, a swimmer, studied while she swam. "I memorized stuff while I swam," she explained.

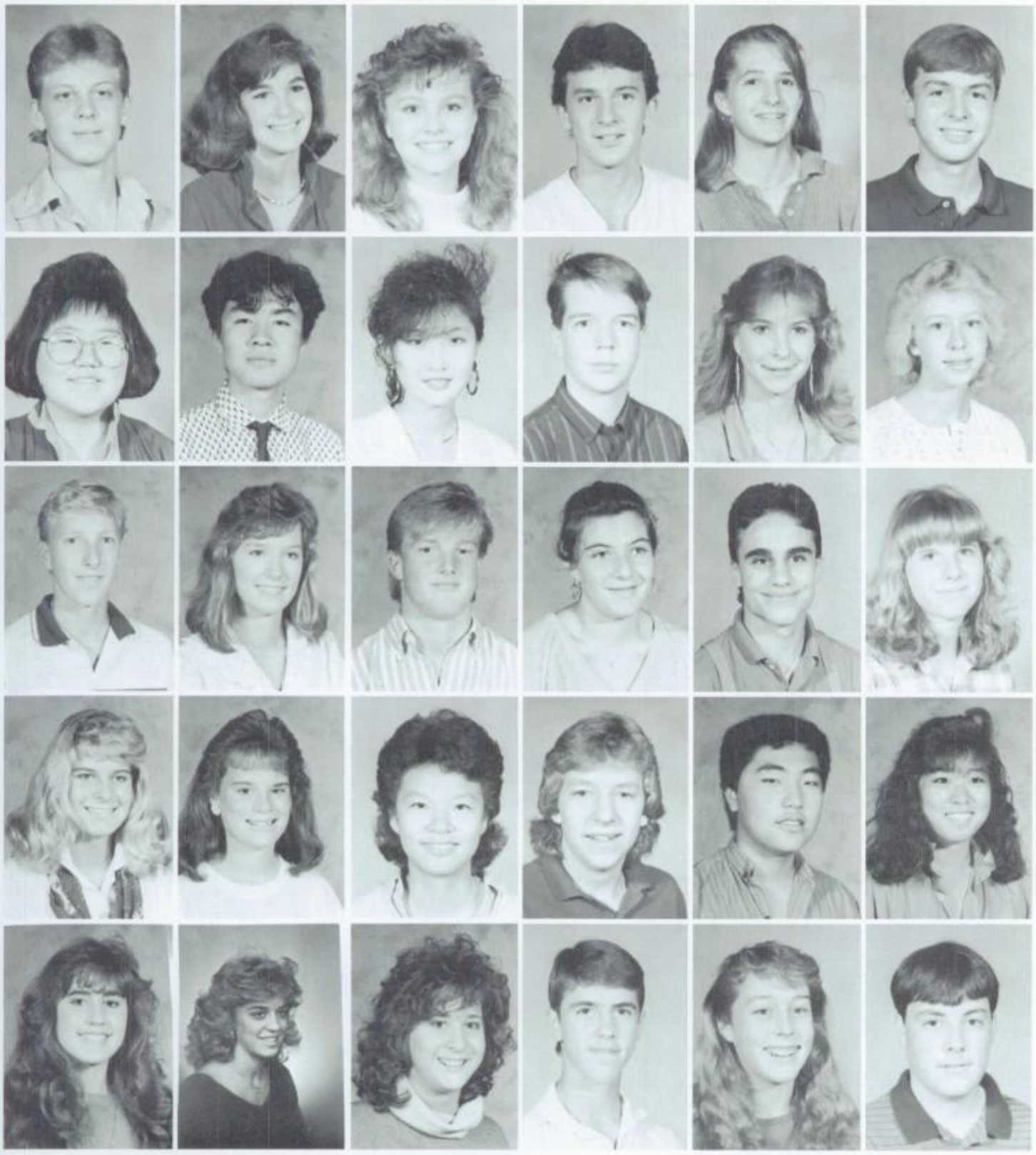
"I lay on my bed, with my head hanging back, and my feet propped up on the wall," laughed Randy Williams.

Anne Brzonkala said, "No one can study without a steady supply of food, and some good music."

Frank Brennan studied the way most students ended up studying. He said, "I crammed during break."

Each student had his own way of preparing for tests and quizzes, whether it was memorizing while soaking in the bathtub or speed-reading the last four hundred pages of **War and Peace** in the closet with a flashlight. The ways of studying were as unique as the individuals.

By Karen House



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Rebekah Lee
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Marty Legory
Kristen Lekstrom

Scott Lenzmeier
Brandis Leonard
Thomas Leonard
Jennifer Leone
Marcus Leone
Terri Leonhardi

Trinette Leporati
Megan Levey
Katherine Liao
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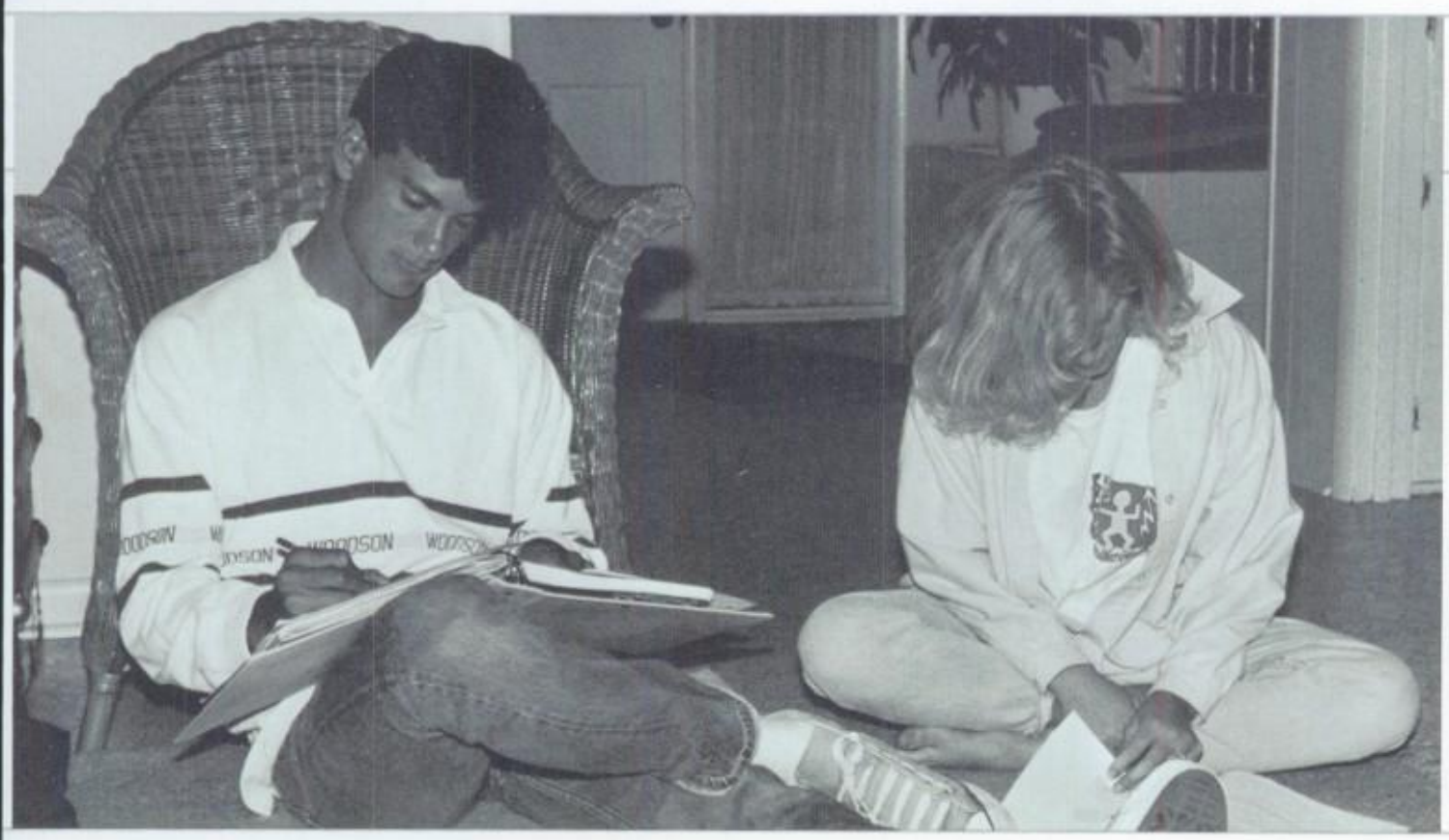


Studying with a partner helped many students learn material they found difficult or boring. Carlos Linares and Deb Colvito work together on their homework after school.

Wasting Time: An Art Form

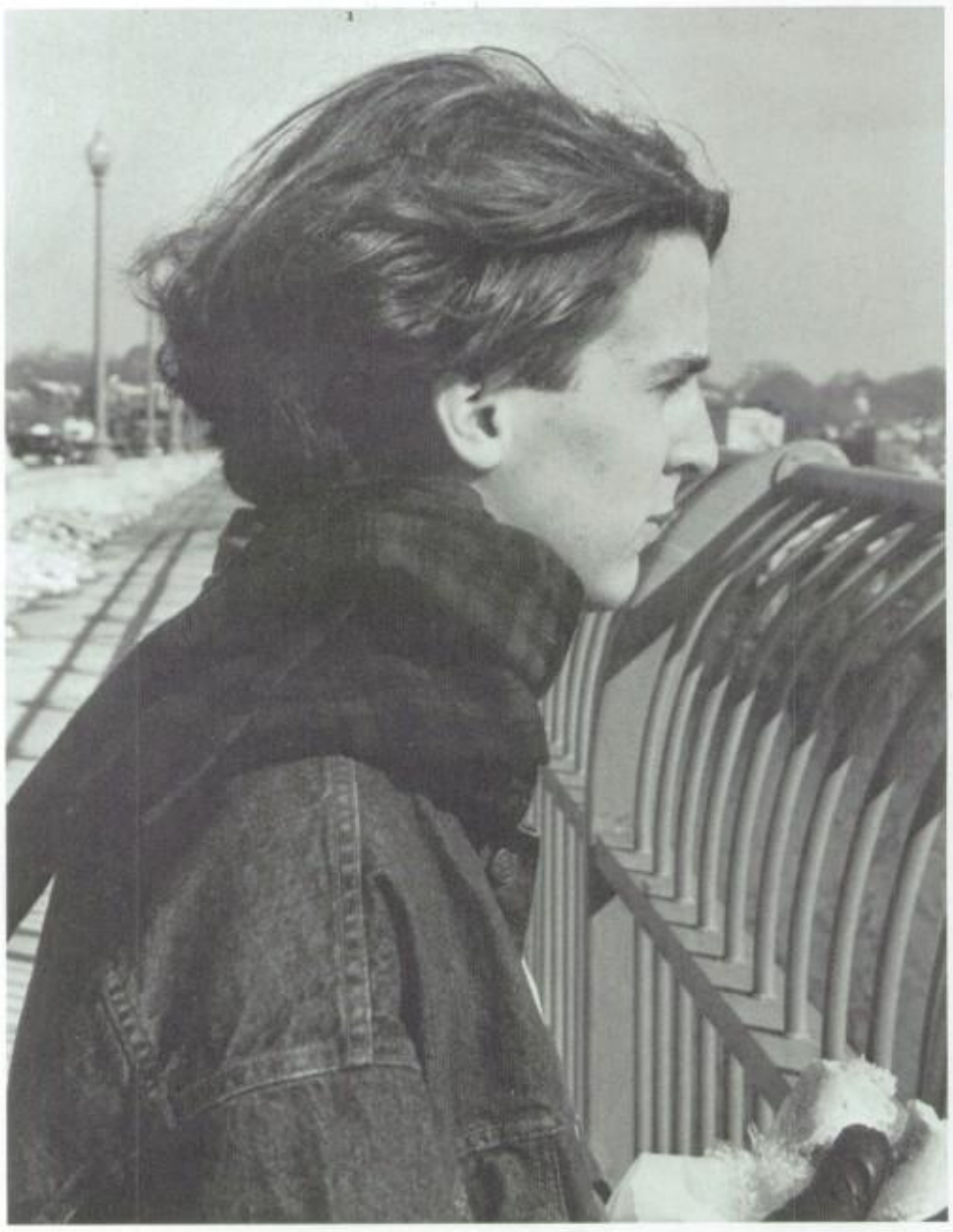
Procrastination: Putting things off until the last minute and not doing assignments unless it was absolutely necessary. In other words, not doing them until until the night before they were due.

All throughout the school year students received numerous reports and assignments. For some, these assignments caused nervous breakdowns, for others they meant nothing.

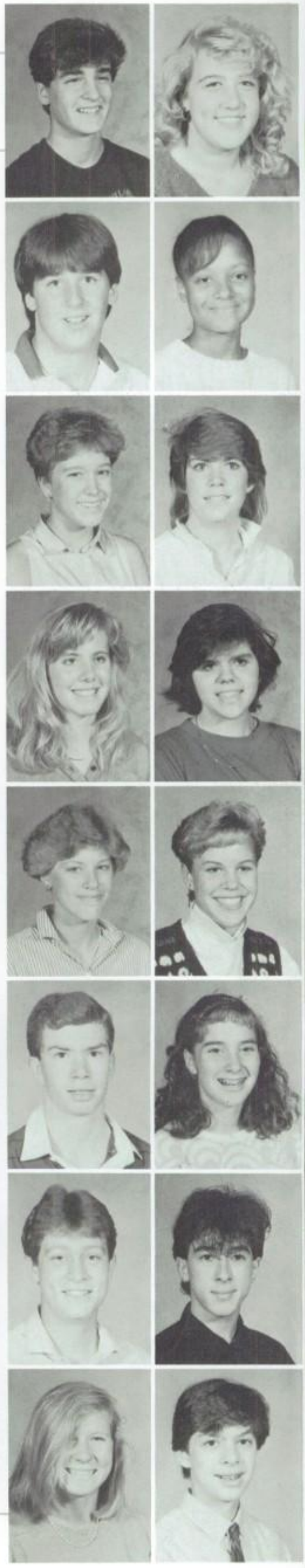
Lisa Sherwin said that procrastinating was her area of expertise. She liked to avoid Spanish Three and Algebra Two the most. For Lisa, the habit of procrastinating started when she was in elementary school.

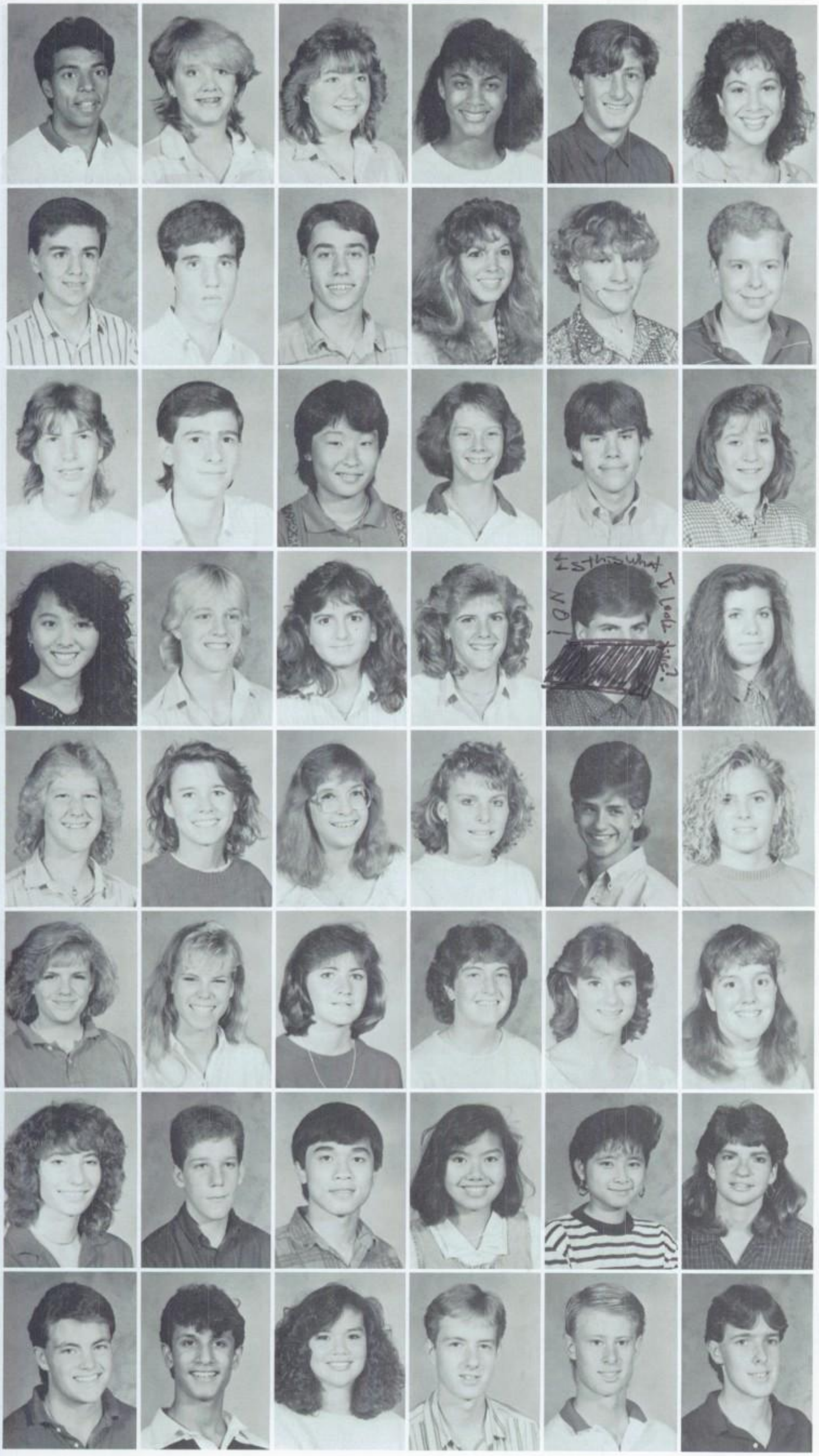
The art of procrastination relieved the stress of difficult assignments temporarily, but those late nights rushing to complete work wore some students out. Almost everyone procrastinated at some point during the year, but eventually, even the worst procrastinators did their assignments.

By Jordonna Hoffman



Scott Irwin gazes out over the Potomac River, apparently wasting time in which he could be at home, doing his homework.





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Nichole Manning
Matthew Marcus
Michelle Marin

Matthew Maupin
Kimberley Maxie
Glen Mazza
Jonathan McAllister
David McBride
Carine McCandless
Richard McClinton
Brian McCullough

Allison McCurdy
Kristine McDonald
Devin McGuire
John McGurk
Melinda McMillan
Heather McNeil
Timothy McQuary
Amy McSwain

Cristin McVey
Christy Meister
Marie Mendoza
Vince Merkel
Alicia Metzger
Teresa Meyer
Jason Middleton
Amie Miller

Amy Miller
Holly Miller
Laura Miller
Mary Miller
Karen Mills
Heidi Mitchell
Tyson Mitchiner
Shannon Mollner

Ronald Morehead
Megan Morra
Helen Moss
Kelley Mumford
Kristin Murphy
Sharon Murphy
Amy Neale
Rita Nee

Michael Nelson
Eric Newhart
Julie Newton
Scott Newton
Thang Nguyen
Thy Nguyen
Tram Nguyen
Melinda Norfleet

Jill Norris
Seth Notes
Kevin O'Rourke
Ezzat Obaid
Christine Ogden
John Ogles
Lars Olson
Tyler Ormsby

Juniors continue the tradition of having friends and acquaintances turn their new class rings; since they would graduate in nineteen eighty-nine, they turned the rings eighty-nine times.

Jessica Orrison
Alison Oshinsky
Trent Overboe
Jason Overcash
John Owens
David Paige

Michael Palmer
Ekaterini Papasavva
Judy Park
Ralph Passarelli
Ameet Patel
Valerie Pattie

Shawn Patton
Michelle Paul
Thomas Pavlik
Charles Payne
Heather Phelps
Jacob Phillips

Brian Piccioni
Shankar Pillai
Jennifer Pohutsky
Kirstin Polhemus
Jennifer Pollok
Tricia Popular

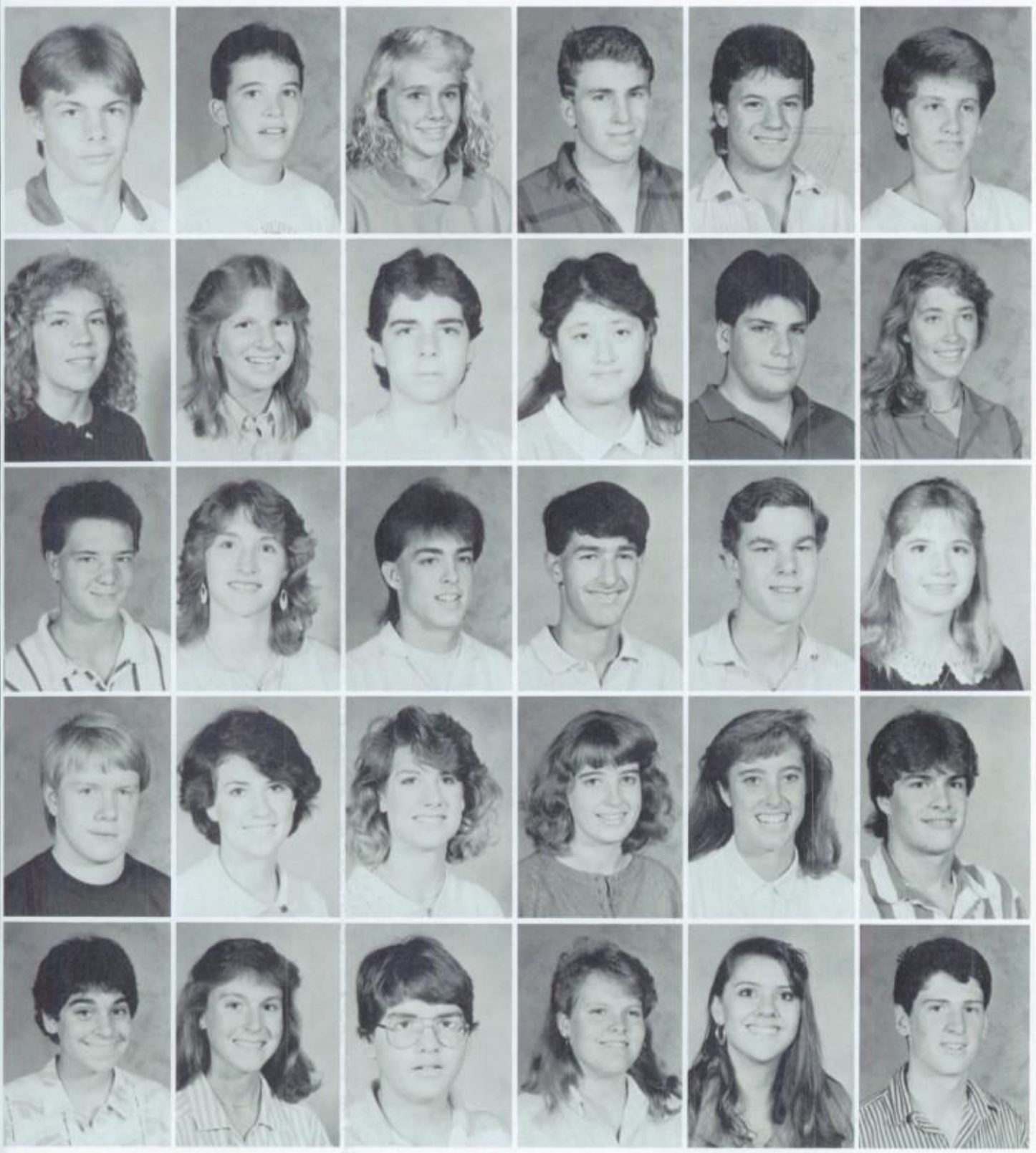
Amy Pospichal
Michael Powers
Robert Powers
Candace Preast
Sandy Probst
Janice Randow

Turning To '89

Excitement filled the air on October seventh as impatient juniors rushed from their sixth period classes to the lobby in front of the auditorium. On their arrival, they were presented with their long awaited class rings. Each ring meant something special to the owner. Most of all, the rings symbolized that they were finally juniors, and Senior Year and graduation were not far away.

The rings varied in sizes and styles, and the stones differed endlessly. For the next couple of days, enthusiasm permeated the hallways as students turned each others' rings eighty-nine times. As tradition had it, the eighty-ninth person to turn a ring received a kiss from the ring's owner.

By Karen House



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Cynthia Riddick
Ricardo Rieppi
Nah Rim
Keith Robertory
Lynn Robinson

Paul Robson
Dynese Roeckel
Mark Rogers
Joseph Romano
James Rosin
Sandra Roth

Todd Roy
Patricia Russel
Rebecca Russel
Jennifer Ryan
Kelly Ryan
James Rydstrom

Tamara Sacks
Elisse Saltzman
Michael Samblanet
Christine Samson
Jessica Sandigo
Paul Sargent

Emily Satchell
Michael Scarborough
Laura Scharett
Jonathan Scherrer
Robert Scherrer
Gregory Schlenker
Ingrid Schmidt
John Schneider

Mark Schneider
Kimberly Schroeder
Mark Schroeder
Ina Schroeter
Beau Schwarberg
Loren Schwartz
Vance Scioli
Aliza Seelig

Cheryl Seward
William Shaffer
Patrick Sheehan
Natalie Shepherd
Wayne Shepherd
Michael Shields
Stuart Shih
Barbara Shirley

Saeda Siam
Sean Signore
Jon Silvey
Leonard Silvia
Kelly Simmons
Becky Smith
Cara Smith
Kimberly Smith

Michelle Smith
Steven Smith
Tonya Smithson
Steven Soard
Susan Spencer
Christopher Spillare
John St. Denis
Kimberly Stacy

Karen Staples
Kimberly Starr
Tamara Starr
Christine Steinberg
Scott Stellmon
Alexander Stem
Elizabeth Stenberg
Neal Stevens

Jessica Stewart
Randy Strong
Melissa Stuart
Geoffrey Suchocki
Catherine Surles
Jason Sweda
Andrew Taylor
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Christopher Trivett
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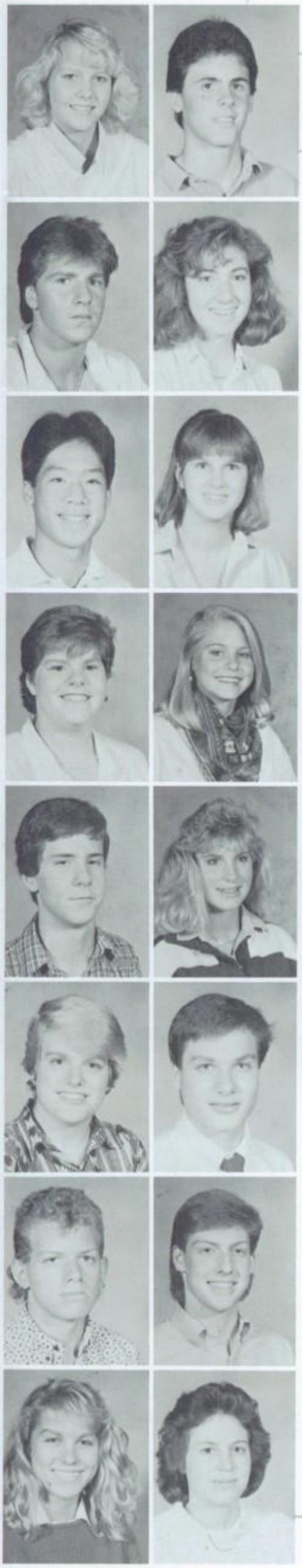
Joseph Van Voorhees
Kathleen Vann
Tatjana Vichnevsky
Elizabeth Wakefield



Transformed Into Bookworms

Reading? Books? Some people wondered what those words meant until the Woodson Community of Readers (WCOR) began on December first. The program was separated into two different sessions this year. Students and teachers read for two weeks in December and two weeks in the spring. Reading material ranged from Steven King's horror novels to Nathaniel Hawthorne's classics.

Mrs. Jane Slevin, who sponsored the program, said, "The program was designed to make reading more enjoyable." The total number of pages ran into the multi-thousands.

Throughout the four reading weeks, anyone could catch students sneaking some reading in during the shortened classes, in the library or in the hallways. By the end of WCOR, students had become bookworms.

By Inger Brown

The record holding freshman homeroom, Ms. Mary Green's first period World History class, piles up its pages read to seven hundred. Cathy English and Sarah Hand participate in WCOR, and find that reading can be fun.

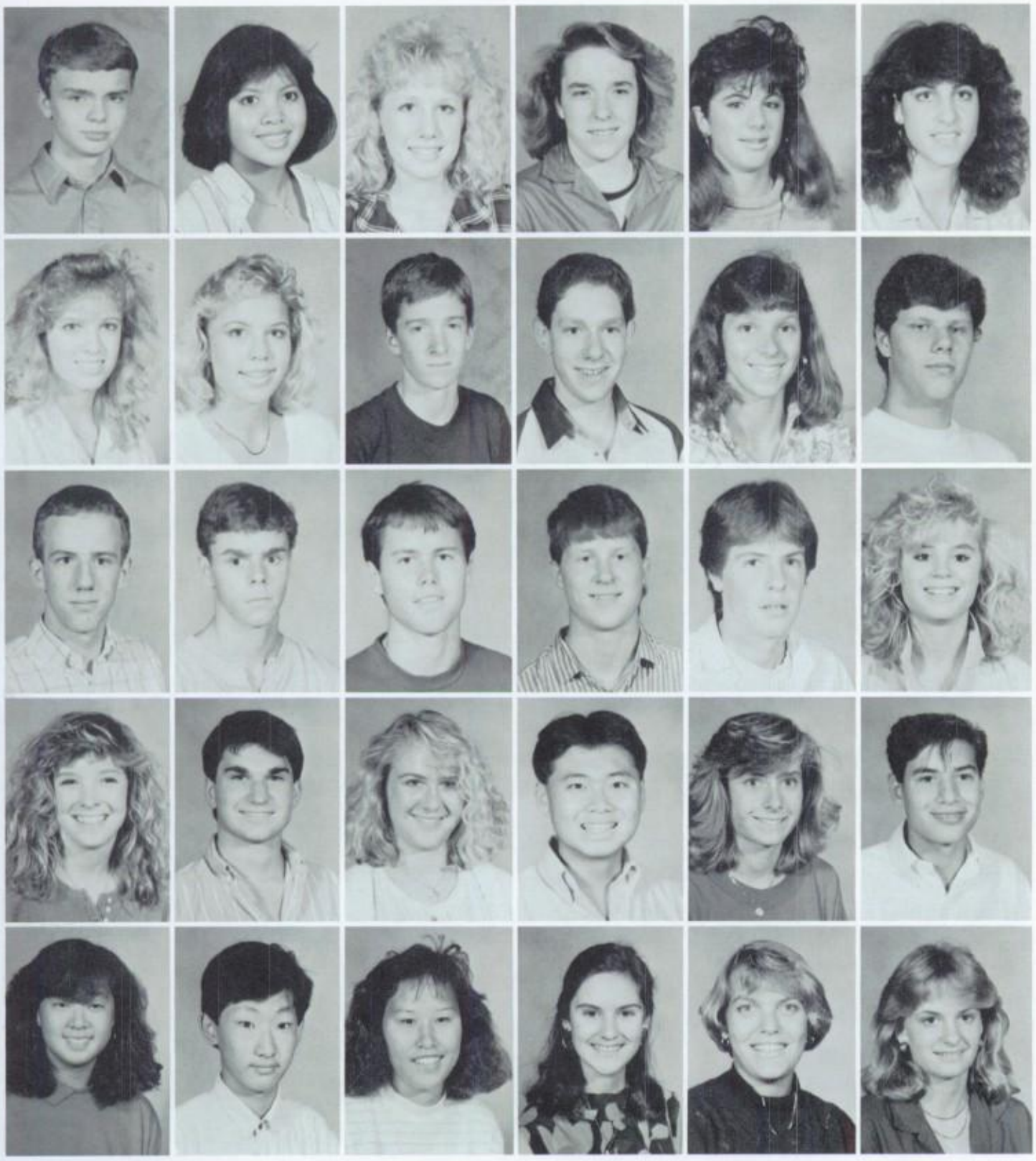
Juniors Painted Blue And White

The annual painting of the bleachers took place long before all the excitement of the football games started. Approximately twenty-five juniors took a daring chance, and at their own risk grabbed the nearest paint brush and painted a giant 89 on the junior section of the bleachers.

A professional artist might have laughed at this sort of painting, for not only were the bleachers painted, but the painters were painted, too. The juniors did not mind the messiness, however. Lindsey Weller said, "It was fun! Messy, but fun." The juniors took pride in their work, and ran to the opposite side of the football field to gaze at their artistic achievement.

By Karen House

These dedicated juniors risk their lives and natural skin color to paint the bleachers in their section with a bold 89, signifying their graduating year. From the junior section at football games came the chant, "I'm a junior, you'r a junior, we're a junior all. When we get together, we do the junior call: Beep-billy otten-dotten, bo-bop a-deeten-dotton, hot-shot, rot-shot, rooten-tooten tah. Juniors, juniors, rah! rah!rah!"



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April Webb
Alisha Wechsler
Deborah Weisman

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Joy Wells
Paul Welter
Daniel Werbel
Anne Westfall
Todd Wheeler

William Whitworth
Jeremy Willet
Jason Williams
Jay Williams
James Williamson
Patricia Winne

Elizabeth Winston
Daniel Wise
Gretchen Wittig
Joseph Wong
Jennifer Wuebker
Christopher Xenos

Christie Yang
Jae Yang
Chi Yu
Judith Zamon
Lea Ziobro
Marrit Zoll

It took organization and good housekeeping skills to get to one's locker, find the right books and then get to class on time. Cate Surles fishes through her locker in the five minutes between classes on yet another busy day.

Float parties were the ideal time to socialize, as Christie Yang and Lenny Silvia find out.

Climbing To The Top

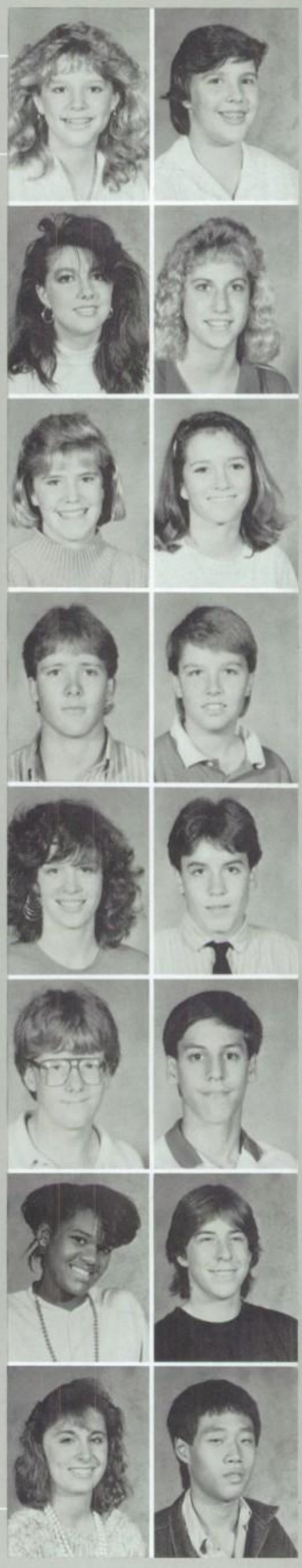
With a team of six strong sophomores behind them, the Sophomore Class had a successful year. The class officers Andy Xenos, president, Carrie Fisher, vice-president, Anna Overby, secretary,Alex Malooley, treasurer and Lisa Albright and Shannon Bell, senators, helped put together fun projects, such as soc-hops and fund raisers. They participated in the Tyson's Corner Project, which was a fund raising project in which twenty to twenty-five sophomores assisted directing shoppers to empty parking spaces at Tyson's Corner.

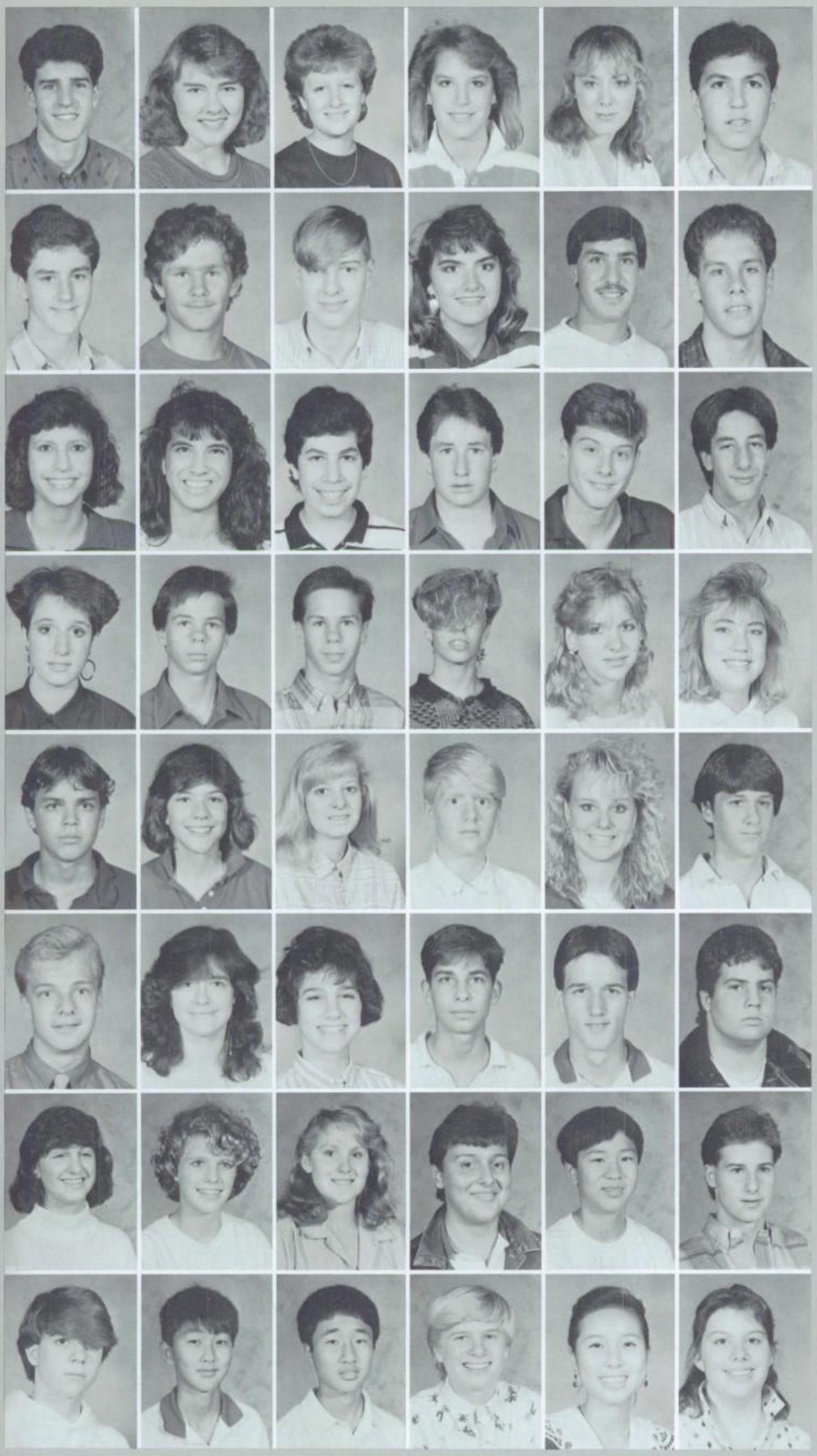
Of course, the officers didn't do all the work, they had sponsors to assist planning the activities. Mr. Clyde Clark, one sponsor, said, "I got to help assist, suggest and chaperone class projects." All the work that the officers and sponsors did went to help make the sophomores have an enjoyable time while at school.

The officers had many other responsibilities and duties to maintain. As explained by Senator Lisa Albright, "I had to go to all the meetings after school and attend different fund raisers, but I enjoyed it." Treasurer Alex Malooley said "I had to keep count of the bills that had to be paid and also I helped to get people to come to the fund raisers." Andy Xenos, the president of the Sophomore Class, led the officers in meetings and planning activities. "I feel honored to have guided the graduating class of 1990, at least for one year," said Andy.

By Jordonna Hoffman

The Sophomore Class officers Andy Xenos, Carrie Fisher, Anna Overby, Alex Malooley, Lisa Albright and Shannon Bell climb to the top no matter what they do.





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Christina Alexander
Katherine Anderson
Tracey Anderson
Rolando Arrivillaga

Collette Ayres
Michele Bahler
Brian Balgley
David Ballard
Robert Barnes
Jennifer Barnett
Joseph Baroody
Robert Barthle

Kristen Bautz
Karen Beachy
Charlotte Bechtel
Shannon Bell
Ricardo Belmar
Chris Bender
James Bennett
Todd Benoff

Matthew Bernier
Alexis Berthelsen
Penny Bessor
Robert Blakeman
Thomas Blakeman
Heidi Boese
Lisa Bongiovi
Sara Bough

Kelly Bowman
Sean Boyd
David Boyer
Kristina Branstetter
Cheree Brazzeal
James Brennan
Allison Bridgewater
John Bufton

Richard Bullington
Ryan Buncher
Charles Burke
Mary Bushey
Shanna Busman
John Buttari
Bradley Buzzell
Damien Cabrera

Chandra Calhoun
Timothy Cannon
Karen Carter
Marian Caskie
Kathleen Casko
Ruben Castellano
Hea Shik Chang
Christopher Chattin

Ellie Chisko
Hang Cho
Mark Choban
Sung Choi
Yoon Choi
Tapio Christiansen
Chia-an Julia Chung
Kathleen Claassen

Charlie Brown joins Abby Smith, Corey Magee, Jay Entlich, Jennifer Tavacol, Kristen Lewandoski, Anna Overby, DeEtte Daniel, Andy Xenos and the rest of the Sophomore Class in the Homecoming Parade.

Julie Clark
Ronald Clark
Kai Clements
Robert Clickner
Samuel Coffing
Elliot Conner

John Conrad
Renee Converse
Megan Conway
Adair Cook
Browyn Cook
Shannon Cotter

Jeneth Cottrell
Crystal Cox
Megan Cummings
Thomas Dale
Douglas Dalton
De Ette Daniel

Julie Davis
Lisa Davis
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Jennifer Di Bella
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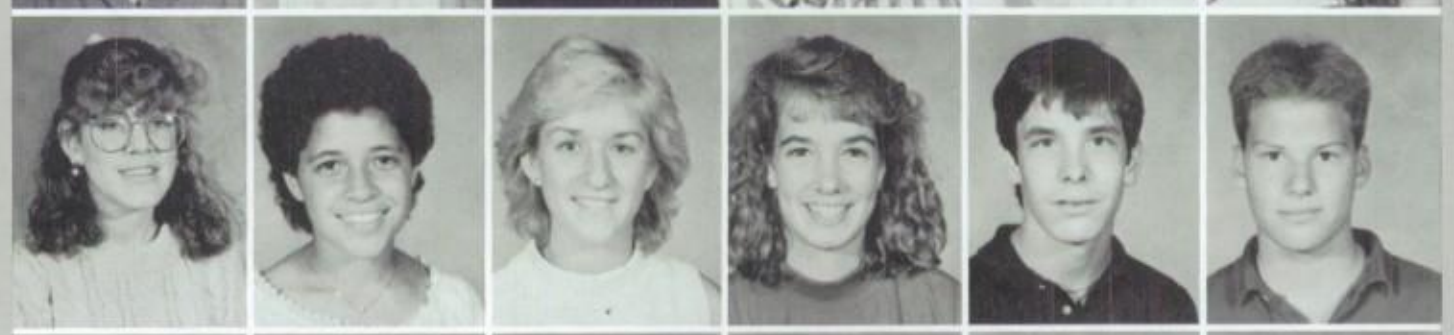
Donald Dittemore



Adam Dixon
Michelle Dodds
Angela Doyle
Emily Driese
Lila Dulany
Cynthia Duncan

Charlie Brown Kicks It!

Good 'ol Charlie Brown, trying to kick the football from Lucy — only this time she didn't take it away. He kicked it over the goal post. The Sophomore Class created this optimistic spectacle for their float in the Homecoming Parade. With skillful construction, Charlie Brown's leg even moved, to make the kick.

Abby Smith's family kept the float at her house, where many of the flower parties were, also. "I loved working on the float," said Abby, "and I think all of our class's hard work paid off." The sophomores cooperated to make an exuberant spectacle for everyone to enjoy.

By Sasha Hennessy

Jennifer Egan
Hoda Eid
Matthew Elder
Jason Entlich
Nelson Estrada
Matthew Fadoul

Peter Faggen
Karen Fairchild
Bridget Fancher
Tracey Farias
Robert Farkas
David Ferris

Tara Ferris
David Feinberg
Patrick Fink
Katherine Fisher
Darius Fitzgerald
David Fontaine

Joseph Fortunato
Brian Fox
Erin Frey
William Frishman
Mindy Gampel
Katrina Gannaway

Alexia Garamfalvi
Daniel Garrett
J. Gregory Garza
April Gearhart
Katherine Gehman
Brad Gill

Darby Gippert
Jessica Giuli
David Glad
Jeffrey Glading
Bill Goins
Gary Gondos
Holly Good
Matthew Goves

Abagail Gragg
David Greene
Christopher Growitz
David Hadju
Thomas Hamilton
Grace Han
Sarah Hand
Stacie Handros

Erin Hansen
Harpreet Hansra
Elizabeth Harper
Robert Harper
Kristen Harrington
Stacey Harris
Laura Hart
Keith Hartigan

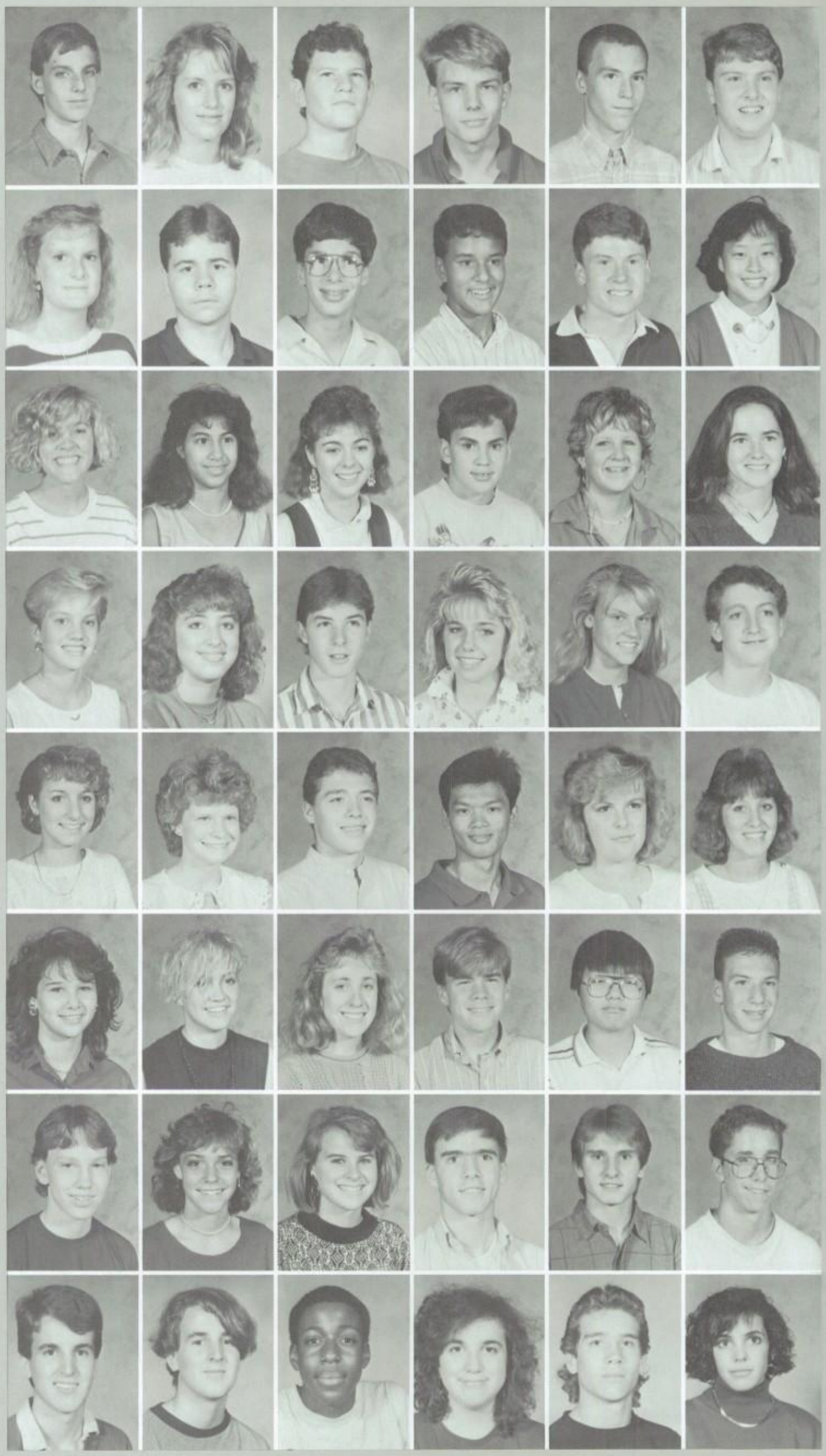
Rebecca Hatheway
Ari Hausfeld
Joseph Healy
Kirsten Hebbe
Amy Heneghan
Brian Hennessey
Sasha Hennessy
Michael Herberger

Stacey Herrington
Julie Herrmann
Ryan Hickey
Chantha Hiep
Jennifer Hill
Christy Hilliard
Sarah Hills
Jordonna Hoffman

Tara Hollin
Spring Hollis
Deborah Holt
Erik Holtje
Sung Hong
William Horwitz
Haider Hosseini
Debra Houry

Jonathan Howard
Mary Howard
Katherine Howe
Thomas Hoyler
William Hoyler
Troy Hughes
Craig Hummer
Stephen Iannucci

Keith Irwin
Scott Irwin
Kenneth Jackson
Karen Jaffe
Jason Jampoler
Georgia Jarman
Michael Jenkins
Lewis Jones III



Calling In Sick

Everybody knew about the clinic. Its new central location, at the bottom of the stairs in G hall, confused students at first, but worked out better than the old gym hall location. Mrs. Medina, who took over Mrs. VanWinkle's position, ran the clinic on a daily basis. Mrs. Mary Ellen Heller, the head nurse, took care of testing students for scoliosis and eye and ear problems.

Garfield's assessment of Mondays, that everyone hates them, must have been correct because Mondays were always the busiest days in the clinic. An average of thirty sudents visited the clinic each day, with a variety of ailments. The two most frequent complaints were headaches and stomach aches. Other excuses, according to Mrs. Medina, ranged from, "I'm dying slowly," and "fatal visions," to "history test," and "chemistry teacher." Obviously, some students were not in too much agony, because brilliant excuses never ceased to be made.

Thanks to the new, central location, the clinic was easy to find. The head nurse, Mrs. Heller, and the clinic aide, Mrs. Medina, made sure that all was well in the health aspects of Woodson.

By Karen House

A student calls home to get permission to leave school because she feels ill. The clinic provided a place where students who didn't feel well could find refuge.

Christopher Jones
Kimberly Jones
Leslie Jones
William Joyce
Ty Kehrer
Tristan Keller

Tamera Kerrigan
Charlie Kim
Deborah Kim
Jin Hee Kim
Joon Kim
Ki Jae Kim

Jennifer King
Timothy King
Shawn Kingston
Todd Kinkead
Michelle Kladakis
Stephen Klaus

William Klause
Kathryn Knight
Phillip Ko
Adam Konkoly-Thege
Peter Kovacs
Alexander Kozushin

Tammy Kroop
Brian Kropp
Carl Kugler
Christopher Kyriakakis
Brett Lackey
Scott Lange

Warding Off Bad Luck

Whether we called them superstitions or just little things to do for good fortune, everyone had to admit that he performed little rituals or kept something special for luck. Although deep inside we knew that we achieved our goals because of our own abilities, these lucky charms gave us that little bit of self-confidence that never hurt. Whether it was the traditional dash of salt over the shoulder or the crossing of fingers, such acts helped us get through some tense situations.

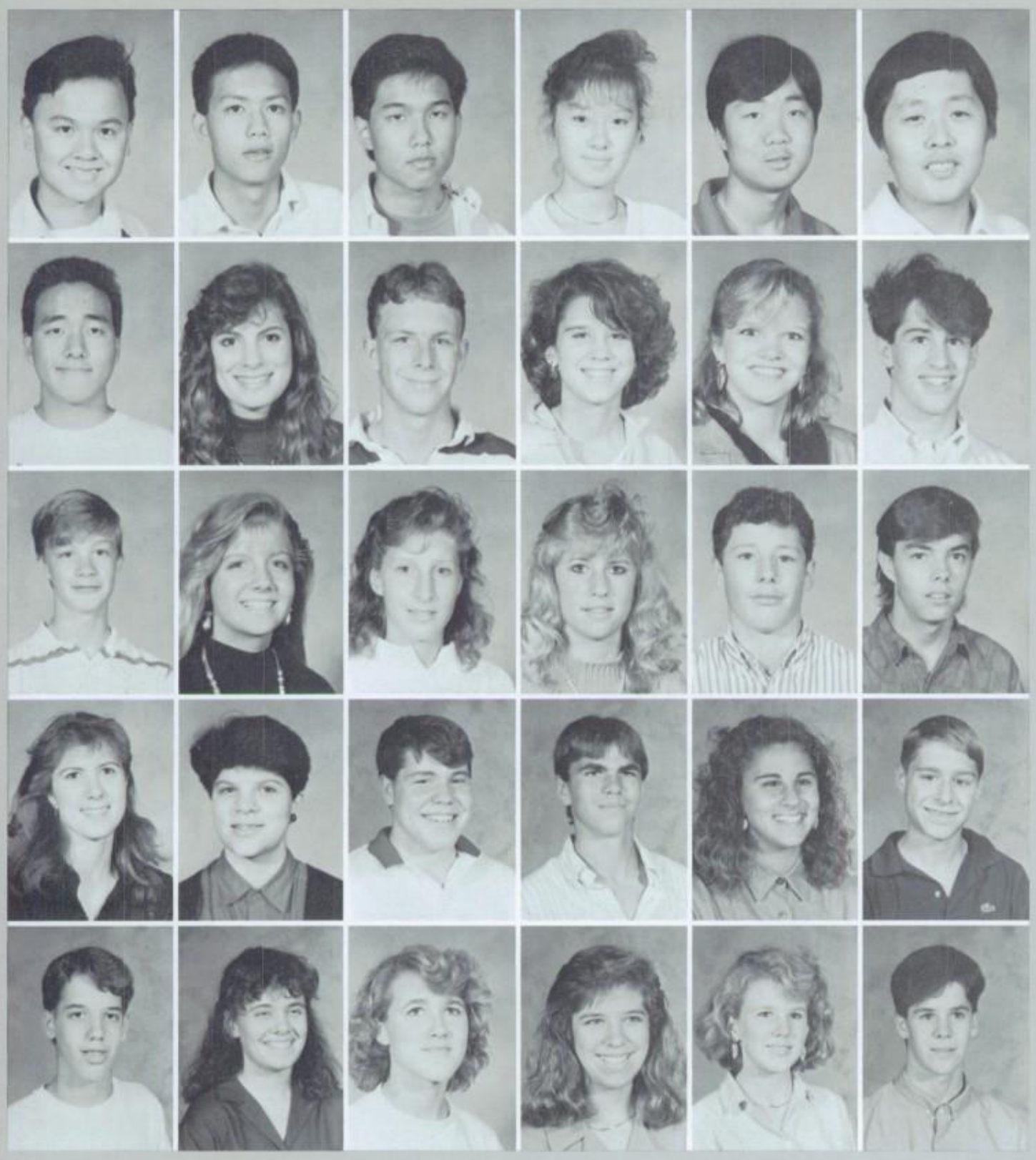
The diving team, explained Lea Ziobro, decorated each others' lockers, made posters and wished one another luck to give encouragement. They also had something called "big brothers and little sisters" to help each other out.

A group of friends on the cross country team, which included Melissa Stuart, Denise Jordan, Kristin Halizak, Carrie Jones and Kristi Bahr ate bananas, said a prayer and said "good luck" to each other before a meet.

Others wore a certain article of clothing or piece of jewelry that gave them good luck. Diane Cruce, a softball player, said, "I wore a pair of pants with a hole in the knee that no one else could have because they gave me good luck. And I have my boyfriend's ring." Cat Ashton wore goggles from Texas and her special cap from California for swim meets.

These good luck charms may have helped bring luck to the people who used them; cerainly a special action or trinket gave people confidence that they could succeed, which was all some needed.

By Cheryl An



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Mark Lee

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Chad Lesman
Vashti Leonard
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Darren Lester

Mark Lettmann
Kristen Lewandoski
Jessica Lieberman
Angie Lingle
Andrew Lockhart
Mike Lockwood

Lisa Luck
Leslie Ludena
Corey Magee
Douglas Mahlstedt
Alexandra Malooley
Thomas Manor

Drew Marvin
Susan Mason
Stephanie Matrat
Amy Mayer
Elizabeth McCollum
Frederick McCollum

Some people consider having their picture taken unlucky and ward off bad luck by covering their faces.

Backpacking!

As the year went by, more and more people carried backpacks around the school. Theories as to the reason for this varied. Perhaps students wanted to build up their shoulder muscles, or perhaps just knock other students over in the halls. Sandra Smith said, "The reason to wear a backpack was to look like an upperclassman."

The backpackers were characterized by one shoulder higher than the other, a certain slouch (think of Egor) and a swinging backpack. Walking down the halls among a group of backpackers was treacherous, particularly for students not adept at dodging large moving objects. Soon, students learned not to put too many books in their backpacks, for if the shoulder straps ripped, their lives spilled out in the middle of the hall.

By Mindy Gampel

After school, Kristi Ballard calls her mom for a ride home, so she won't have to walk all that way carrying a stuffed backpack.

Pam McMains
John McNeil
Kimberly Meisten
Sara Mercado
Anne Michelangelo
Lee Middleton
Susan Mikosinski
Michelle Milich

Jeffrey Miller
Atsuko Miyazawa
David Molseed
Derek Moore
Kelly Moore
Natasha Moore
Scott Moore
Jason Morrell

Mindy Moshides
Matthew Moyer
Shelly Neely
Teaque Newhart
Matthew Newman
Douglas Newstrom
Anna Neyhart
Quocanh Nguyen

Tita Nguyen
Andrew Northam
Donald O'Brien
Brian O'Connor
Jessica O'Donovan
Jeanne Obard
Laura Oppel
Anna Overby

Kip Owens
Alan Pao
Christopher Patterson
Andrew Pencek
Fachon Perry
Rebecca Peters
Matthew Plishker
Jennifer Polito

Susan Pope
David Powderly
Roberta Price
John Pucciano
Kevin Pullen
Laura Pumo
Tiffany Purcell
Tiphanie Purkat

Joshua Quarles
Jennifer Quin
Kathryn Quinones
Brian Ranney
Derek Rapps
Stephanie Rapson
Tyler Reemelin
Simon Remus

Thomas Remus
Eric Resnick
Dean Restivo
Bradford Rhodes
Genevieve Roberts
Vernon Robertson, Jr.
Natalie Rogers
Natasha Rogers

Sophomore Jennifer Manton could always be counted upon to wear bold, original earrings.

Michelle Romano
Rana Roper
Stephen Rosenkrantz
Holly Roth
Michael Rudd
Meghan Russell

Jeffrey Rutledge
Ramin Sabeti
Zachary Sacks
Dale Sagotsky
Robert Sandoval
Matthew Saunders

John Shafer
Craig Schenk
Lisa Schulien
Melissa Scott
Paul Semenec
John Setliff

Kathleen Shanahan
Patricia Shanahan
Kathryn Shaw
Sarah Sheap
Lisa Sherwin
Robert Shields

Louis Shinaman
Rufus Shumate
Christopher Siebert
Richard Silva
Scott Silvia
Jason Simpson

Ringing In The Ears

Why was a big fuss made when a guy pierced his ear? When a girl pierced her ears, nobody questioned her, unless it was the fourth hole in her ear. When a guy opted to decorate his earlobe, people talked. The stereotypical boy with an earring was a rebellious youth who caused nothing but trouble.

Guys with pierced ears were not all rebellious youths, however. Cheerleader Mark Thompson, runner Rob Sloan and band member Andy Taylor all pierced their ears for different reasons.

At first, wearing an earring was a way a guy showed his originality. After a while, so many guys wore an earring that it ceased to be original. Still, guys learned the aesthetic quality of earrings that girls have known for years.

By Karen House

Jamie Sklar
Katherine Sloan
Jennifer Slusher
Abagail Smith
Allison Smith
Justin Smith

Matthew Smith
Sandra Smith
Lee Solomon
Michael Solomon
Kevin Southworth
Steven Spargo

Jason Spezzano
Monica Stallings
George Stankevich
Cindy Stein
Michael Stek
Jia Stephens

Cristina Stewart
Deanne Stolte
Timothy Strawser
Anne Stuker
David Sugg
Katherine Suh

Traci Suter
Kimberly Svec
William Tallman
Kellie Tanner
Charles Tavacol
Jennifer Tavacol

Bryan Taylor
Cary Taylor
David Taylor
Carrie Thomas
Richard Thomas
Pandora Thompson
Joey Thornton
Rosie Tupper

Conrad Tolosa
Tamara Tompkins
Ursula Toth
Thao Tran
Barry Trub
Phuong Truong
Jeff Tollus
Kimberly Van Duersen

Pieter Van Will
Wendy Vivian
Jill Vonkuegelgen
Beth Walker
Karl Walther
Elizabeth Webster
Allison Welch
Aimee Wessels

Brian Wheeler
Todd Whisant
Julie Whitacre
David White
Kelley White
Kari Whitworth
Allison Williams
Amy Wisgerhof

Kerri Withers
Justin Wolf
Justine Wolfe
Julie Wonus
Gena Wright
Nicole Wright
Andreas Xenos
Elizabeth Yacobi

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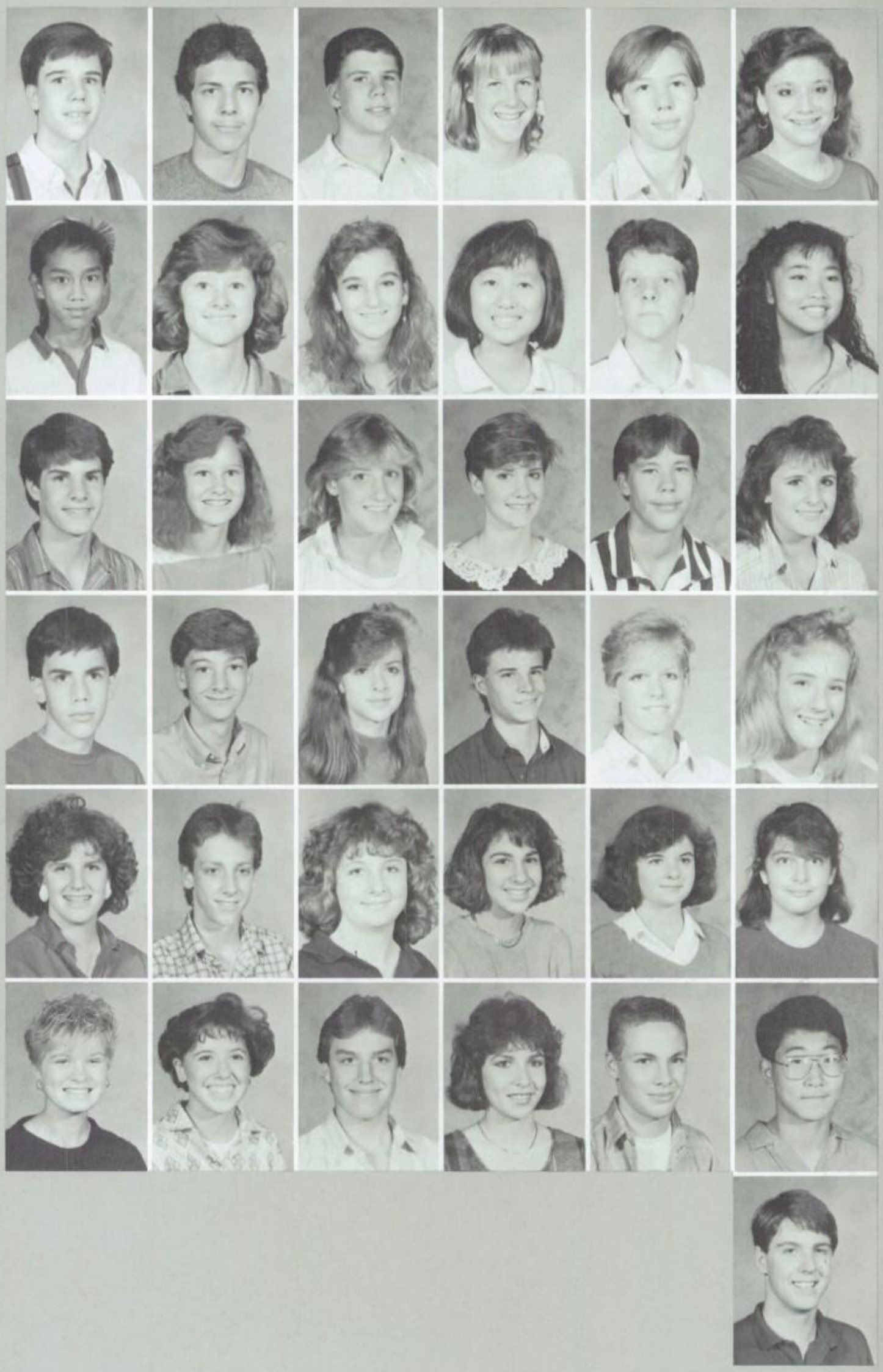


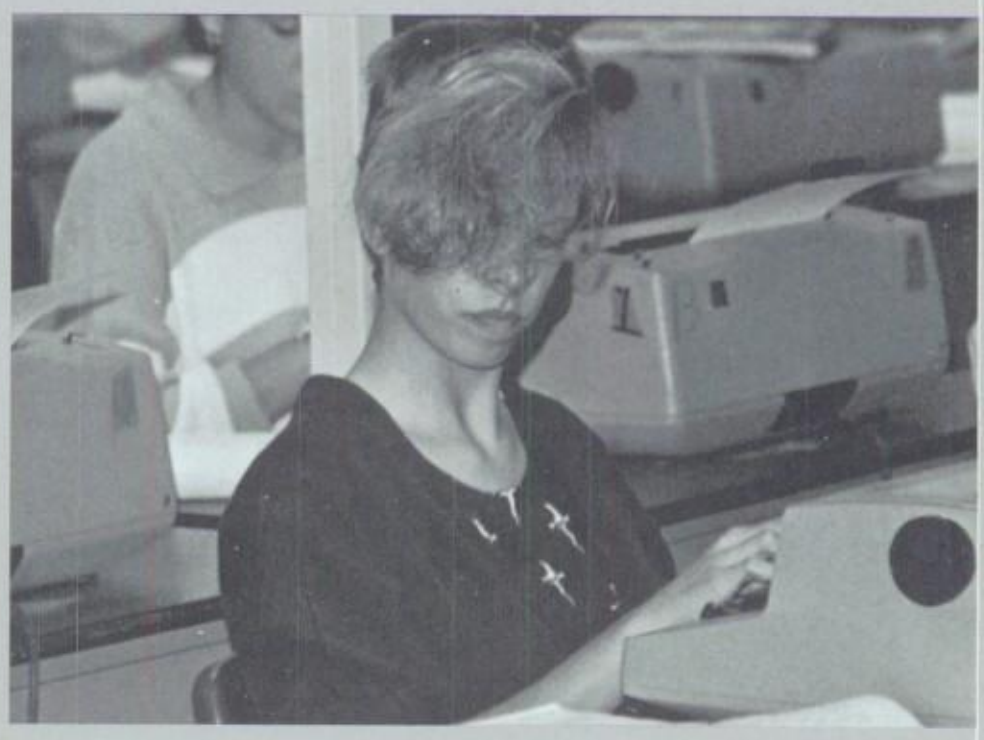
Caught In The Middle

Like the middle child in a family, the Sophomore Class didn't have the privileges of the Seniors, the challenges of the juniors or the new encounters of the freshmen. Sophomores, in other words, were stuck in the middle.

"The highlight of my life was finishing my Art Notebook," said Sandra Smith of her sophomore year. At the end of freshman year, sophomores looked forward to the excitement of no longer being the youngest at school. They wanted to show their newly developed sophistication, and were a little disappointed that the most exciting thing about sophomore year, besides finishing the Art Notebook, was gloating over the new freshmen.

By Mindy Gampel

At break, Jennifer DiBella tries to decide whether to go to the movies or the mall for a typical Friday night.



Learning to type is a necessary but boring skill that Heidi Boese must learn.

Lying Down On The Job

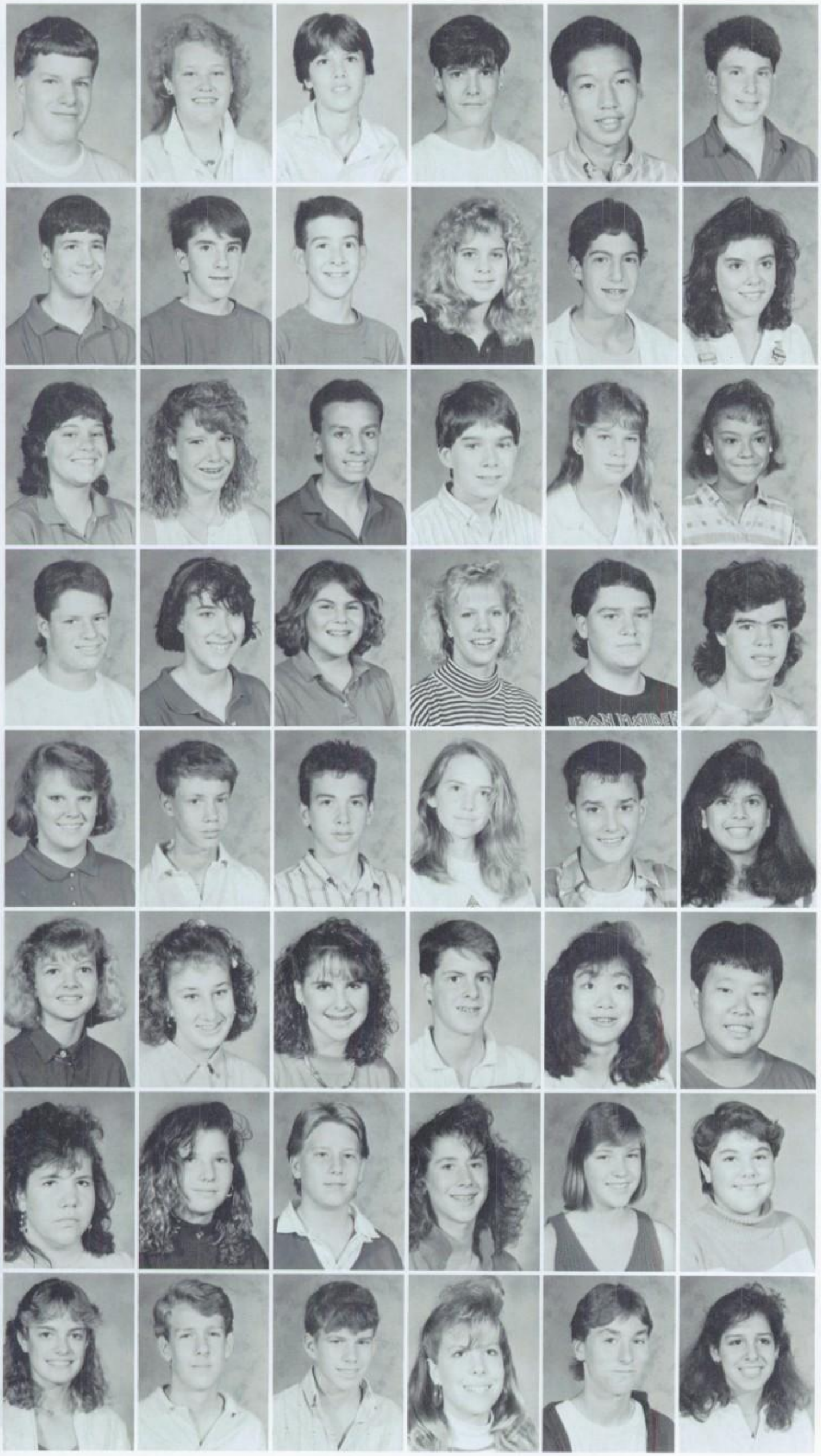
Six freshmen came to high school wanting to play an active part in their new school. They thought the best way to do this was to become class officers. These officers were Scott Burton, president, Alex Kelloff, vice-president, Holly Cordoza, secretary, Joel Alarcon, treasurer, and Cathy English and Missy Wuebker, senators. As president, Scott presided over meetings. Vice-president Alex Kelloff took over when Scott was unable to be at meetings and carried out the orders of class sponsors Mrs. Lela Grant and Miss Patricia Bowers. Secretary Holly Cordoza took minutes at the meetings and kept records of attendence. Treasurer Joel Alarcon took care of the finances. Senators Cathy English and Missy Wuebker represented the Freshman Class in the Student Council.

With the help of the sponsors the officers' main job was to lead the Class of '91 into an exciting and fulfilling high school career. President Scott Burton said that the most challenging job was to get a start at raising $10,000 for the Junior and Senior Proms. The class sponsored a dance, a car wash and bake sales to help accomplish this.

From the experience of student government, "They learned about leadership roles and the importance of high school activities," said Miss Bowers. Each officer showed willingness to work, cooperate and lead. Senator Cathy English discovered, "I like having responsibilities and being a leader."

By Cheryl An

This is one of the few times freshmen class officers Holly Cardoza, Missy Wuebker, Scott Burton, Alex Kelloff and Joel Alarcon were caught lying down on the job.



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Katie Adams
Richard Affleck
Jeff Ahlerich
Joel Alarcon
Joseph Arnstein

Wes Arthur
Erika Austin
Christoper Bagemihl
John Baka
David Ballard
Jennifer Ballard
Allan Barmak
Kristen Barnes

Stephen Barnes
Michael Barnett
Kristina Bartlett
Yvonne Bashaw
Geoffrey Battersby
Derek Baxter
Catherine Bielaski
Sally Binard

William Bleecker
Adam Bloom
Scott Boileau
Julie Bomar
Amy Borck
Heather Bowers
Meredith Boyd
Carter Bradshaw

Christopher Brady
Patrick Breinig
Polly Browder
Sean Brown
Daniel Budiansky
Alissa Burriss
Scott Burton
Esma Cagatay

Joshua Cagney
Kateresea Calhoun
Holly Cardoza
Carrie Carmody
Carrie Cayton
Brian Cesca
Judy Chen
Hang Cho

Sarah Chopp
Guy Christensen
Samantha Clark
Suzanne Clarke
Christopher Clime
Candace Clinkscale
Deborah Colver
Jennifer Conrad

Alicia Cox
Ellen Craig
Anne Crawford
Ivan Dale
Travis Deatherage
Kathleen Degenhardt
Channing Delaplane
Shea Delutis

The Freshmen Class float of Opus and a sinking Titan ship get ready to ride around the track at halftime at the Homecoming football game.

Darren Demarco
Michael Denkinger
Christopher Dittmer
Matthew Doherty
Erin Donahue
Deborah Downing

Michael Driscoll
David Droppa
Colm Dunne
Kevin Dunne
Lofton Durham
Susan Durham

Stephen Eccles
David Edwards
Lorna Elder
Daniel Ellison
Catherine English
Christine Enos

Rebecca Enos
Rebecca Entlich
Paul Esguerra
Gabriella Esser
Jason Falcone
Beth Feder

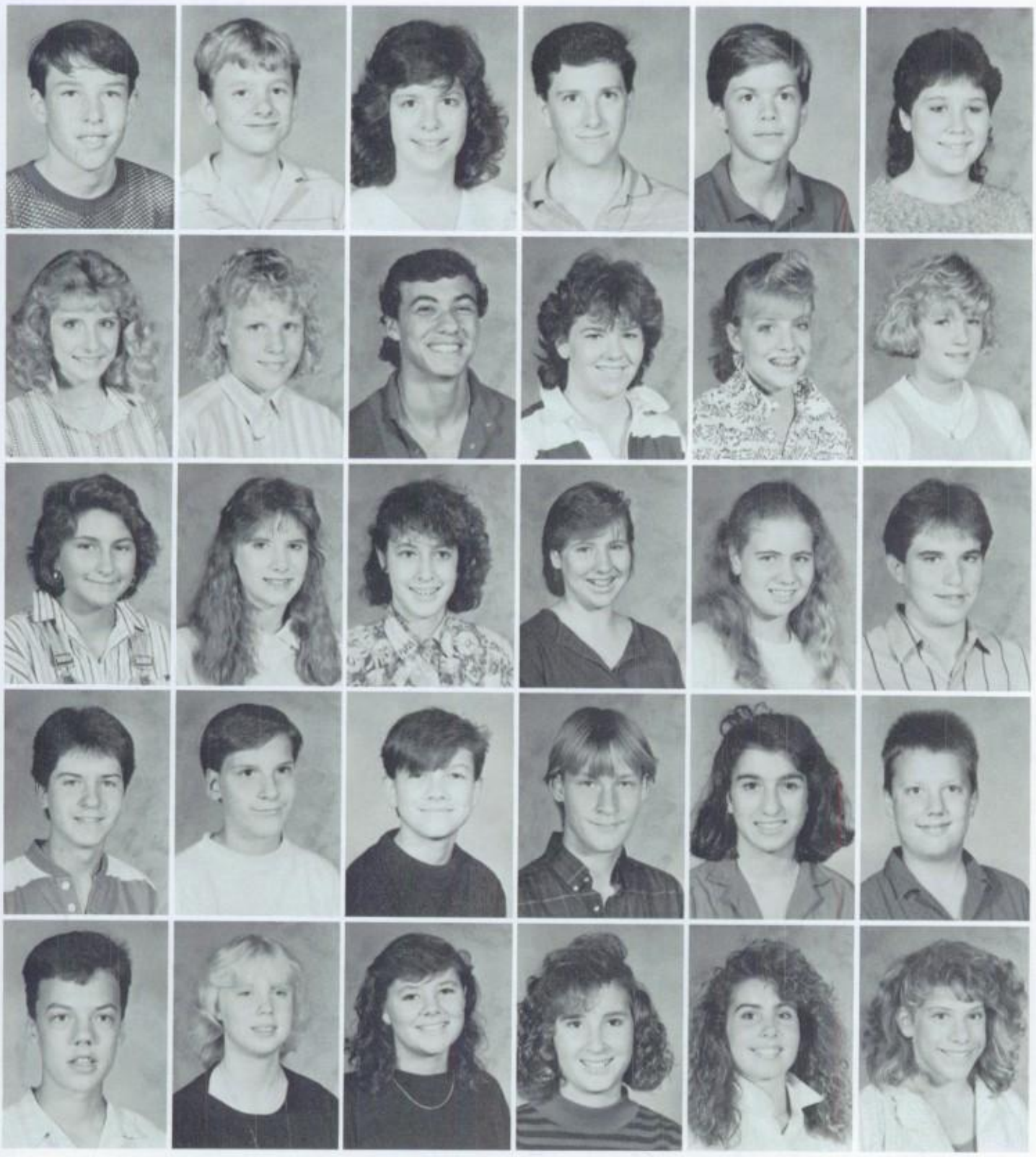
Katherine Fedorov
Michael Feinberg
Tamra Ferguson
Julie Ferris
Leslie Fessler
Jonathan Finch

Swaying Around

Opus — the cute, cuddly, pessimistic penguin who stood on an iceberg waving a Woodson flag, represented the Freshman Class for their Homecoming float. Freshmen devoted many hours and days working on the float. The class was very excited about attending flower parties and building a float for the first time. They presented their work of art at the Homecoming Parade with pride and enthusiasm. Debra Downing summed up the freshmen's feelings when she said, "I think our float was creative and we did a good job for beginners."

The freshmen's home base for the float was at Jennifer Oelker's house. Many freshmen went there to help build it. All of the class cheered and waved at the sight of their float as it swayed along in the parade.

By Sasha Hennessy



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Karen Frame
Brett Freeman
Kurtis Frogale
Casandra Galluzzo

Kelli Gardner
Rebecca Garrett
Khader Ghannam
Cameron Gilligan
Kimberly Gladis
Sephanie Gleason

Lucia Gomez
Elizabeth Goodwin
Tracy Goodwin
Tabitha Green
Carolyn Greene
Sean Griffey

Christopher Guerre
James Gunsior
Philip Gutensohn
Bryan Haas
Stephanie Hagopian
David Hall

Matthew Hall
Cynthia Hammervold
Penny Hammett
Amber Hancock
Rachael Harmon
Brenda Harris

David Hartingh
Brennan Hawken
James Hawkins
Andre Heisley
Susan Helmick
Natasha Hennessy
Laura Herndon
Michael Herndon

Suzanne Herold
Paul Hickey
Anthony Hines
David Hirschmann
Hoa Ho
Alexander Holcombe
Matthew Holles
Michele Holtmann

Jeffrey Houston
John Howland
Lucy Hoyos
Charles Huddleston
Sharon Hudson
Elisabeth Hunter
Jessica Huntley
Meredith Huston

Suzanne Hutchings
Christine Ischer
Joseph Jacanin
Susan Jackson
Mark Janusz
Christy Jeffery
Deborah Johnson
Jennifer Johnson

Dana Johnston
Amanda Jones
Andrew Jones
Elizabeth Jones
Ty Jones
Jeffrey Jones
Latrice Jones
Francis Judnich

Juliana Kang
Ann Marie Karver
Aaron Katz
Colleen Kearney
Charles Kelley
Alexander Kelloff
Ashley Kelloff
Charity Kennedy

Kristin Kennedy
Matthew Keough
Jennifer Kersten
Farzana Khalek
Karen Kim
Frida Kim
Hong Kim
Sang Kim

Timothy Kirsch
Tori Kirkegaard
Seong-Hee Kim
Soo Kim
Yong Kim
Barry Kline
Erin Knight
David Krajczynski

Introducing School Spirit

During sixth period Friday, September 11, students piled into Pat Cunningham Stadium for the first big pep rally of the year. The varsity football team, the cheerleading squads, the Precisionettes, the Marching Band and last but not least, the mobs of students and teachers who came out to support our teams to a victorious season participated in the rally.

Mr. Bernie Thompson began the pep talks. After he spoke, Principal Charles Billak gave a pep talk and the coaches of fall teams spoke. Mr. Matt Murray, cross country coach, Mrs. Barbara Rogers, girls' tennis team coach, Mr. Lee Knupp, coach of the golf team, Coach Ken Poates of the varsity football team, and Byron Jenkins and Trent Bowers, co-captains of the football team each spoke.

A new twist this year was the three male varsity cheerleaders, Frank Brennan, Mark Thompson and Randy Williams. With their help, the girls performed exciting stunts such as flipping Celeste Cordova over the top a pyramid of girls and catching her. The freshmen had not seen anything like this before. The pep rally brightened everyone's spirits and started the freshmen off with plenty of enthusiasm.

By Aliza Seelig

Trent Bowers and the rest of the football team stand before the rest of the school, with the cheerleaders near by, as an introduction to new students and freshmen.

Darryl Krone
Michael Kronthal
Stephanie Lamoreaux
Joseph Laun
Hoang Le
Moira Leary

Hae Lee
Vivian Lee
Brian Lenzmeier
Regan Levey
Jenny Liao
Jin Lim

John Linares
Evangeline Loh
Alexander Loper
Jason Love
Megan Lucas
Karen Luedeke

Paul Lumpkin
Linda Luong
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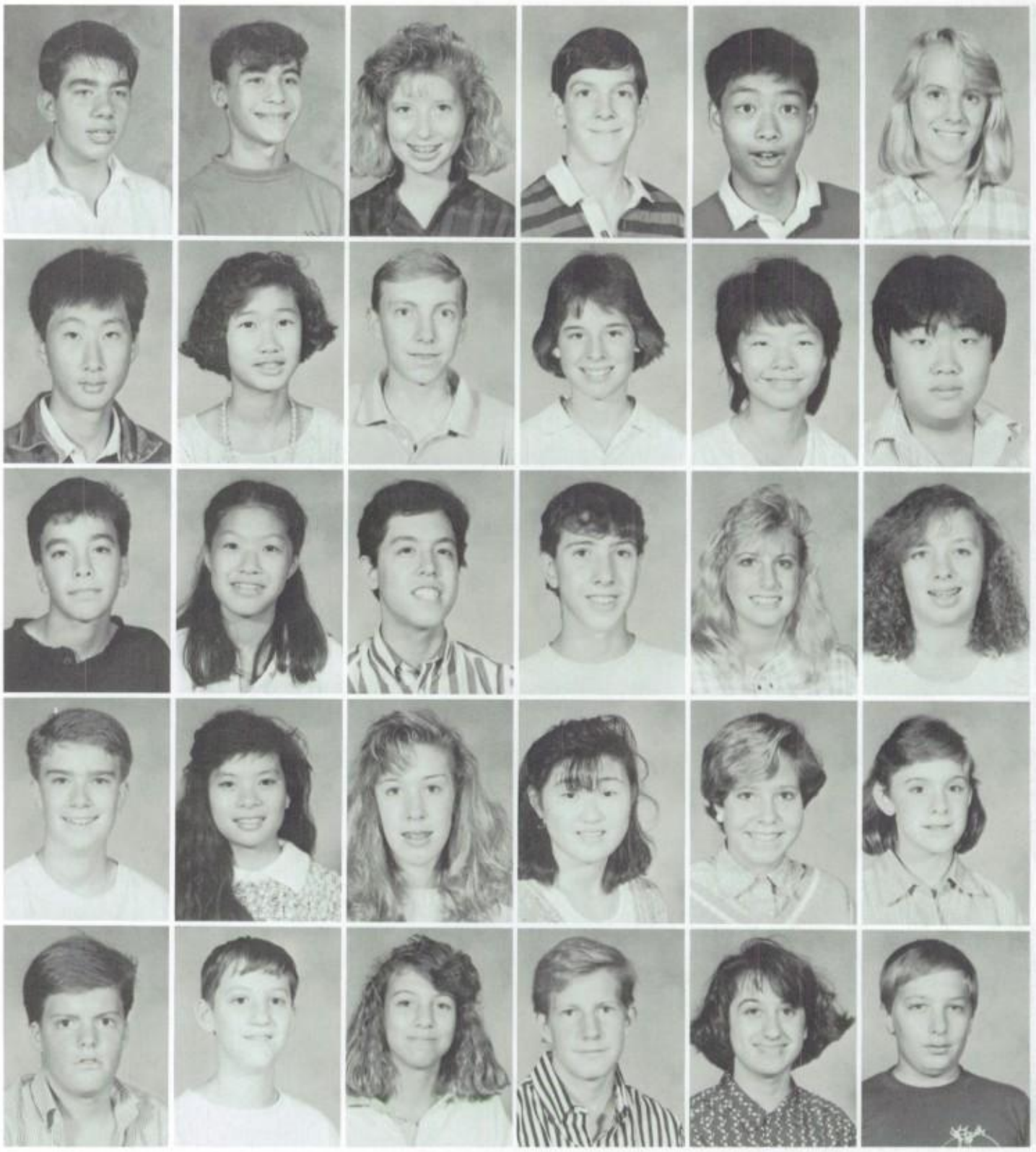


Learning To Draw Up Plans

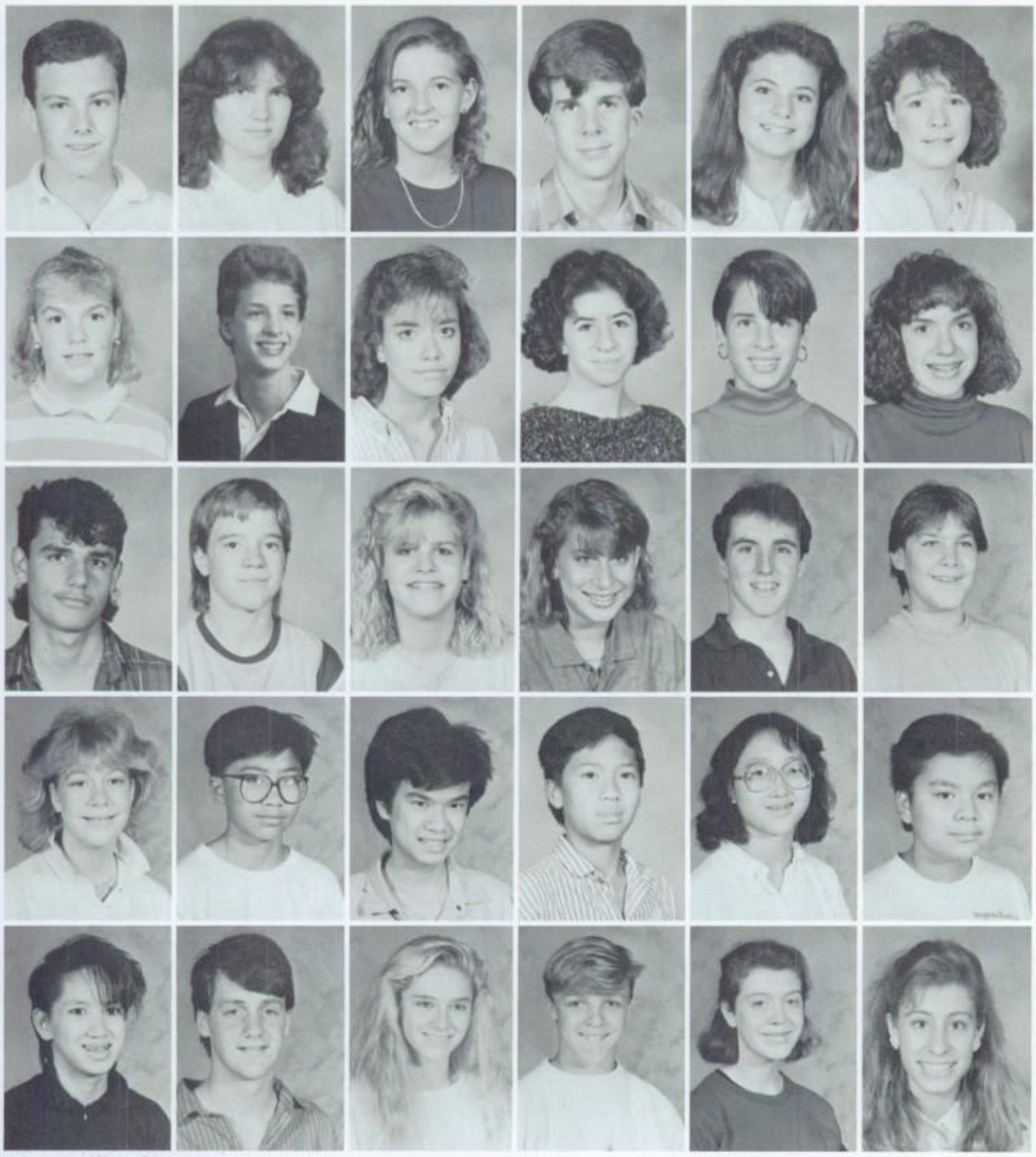
New surroundings, a new building and new classes contributed to the freshmen's experiences as first year students in high school. Most of the freshmen emmigrated from Robert Frost Junior High School next door, where they had fewer choices in course selection. Greater course selections at first baffled students, but they quickly came to appreciate the diversity that ranged from G.T. English-World Civilization to Astronomy.

Some freshmen found that academic courses could be as enjoyable as electives. Michele Holtmann admitted that her favorite class was Algegra I. "It was easy for me," she said. "Mrs. Matthews and Miss Pitcher (a student teacher) explained it really well....I've always liked math, but I liked it more this year."

On almost the opposite side of the spectrum, Debbie Colver liked creative writing best. She liked it because she could use her imagination in class. Gym was the runner up, but as Debbie explained, "You have to do what they tell you."

Favorite classes of freshmen varied as much as the freshmen themselves varied. They took courses both difficult and easy, and learned to enjoy an atmosphere in which knowledge was combined with fun.

By Terry Stryer



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Deborah Mikosinski

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Jon Mitchiner
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Melinda Montaine
Jill Moran
Mikelle Morra

Omar Motawakel
Gerald Mudd
Wendy Muth
Rebecca Nahoum
Timothy Nee
Denis Nelms

Melissa Nelson
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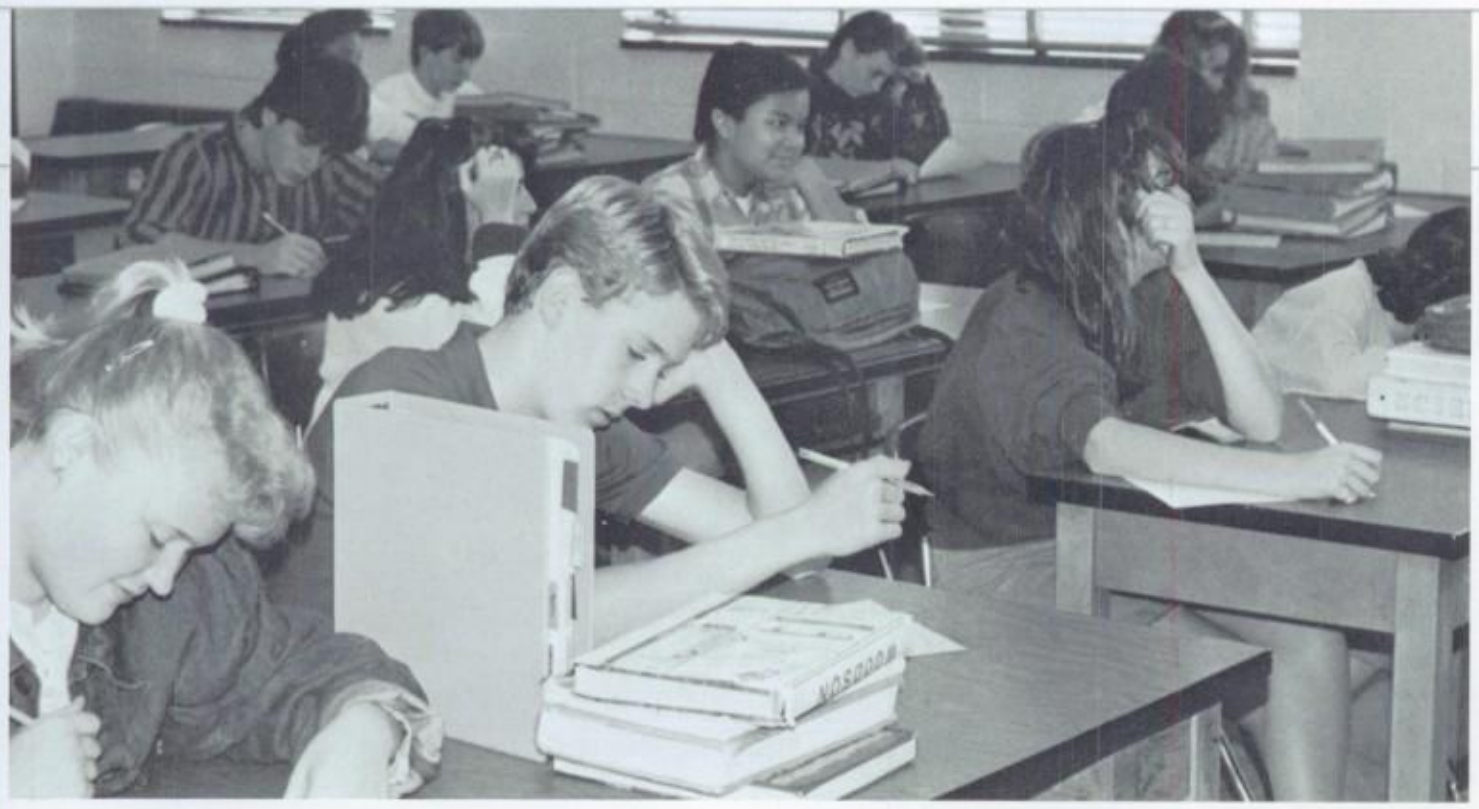
Alycia Oaklander



In their science class, Katie Adams and Ivan Dale do not exactly enjoy the test, but they appreciate the variety of classes they had to choose from for science classes.

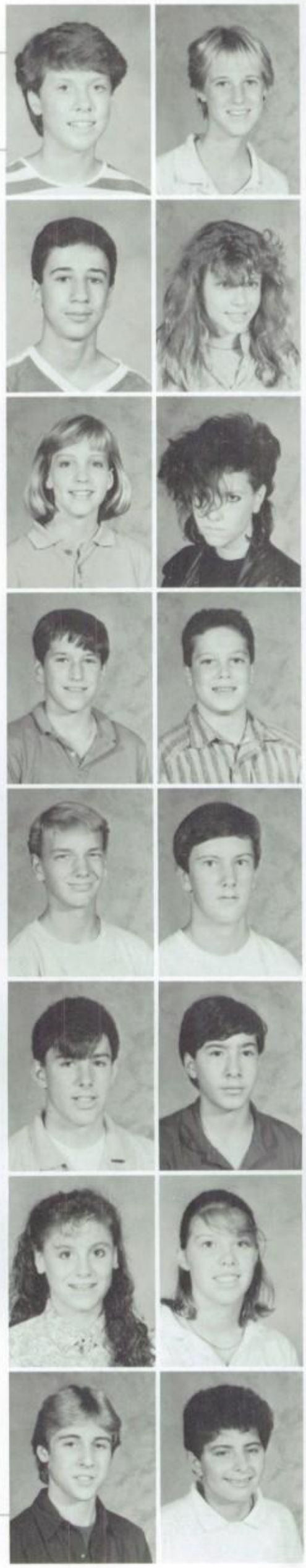
Observing Attendance Policies

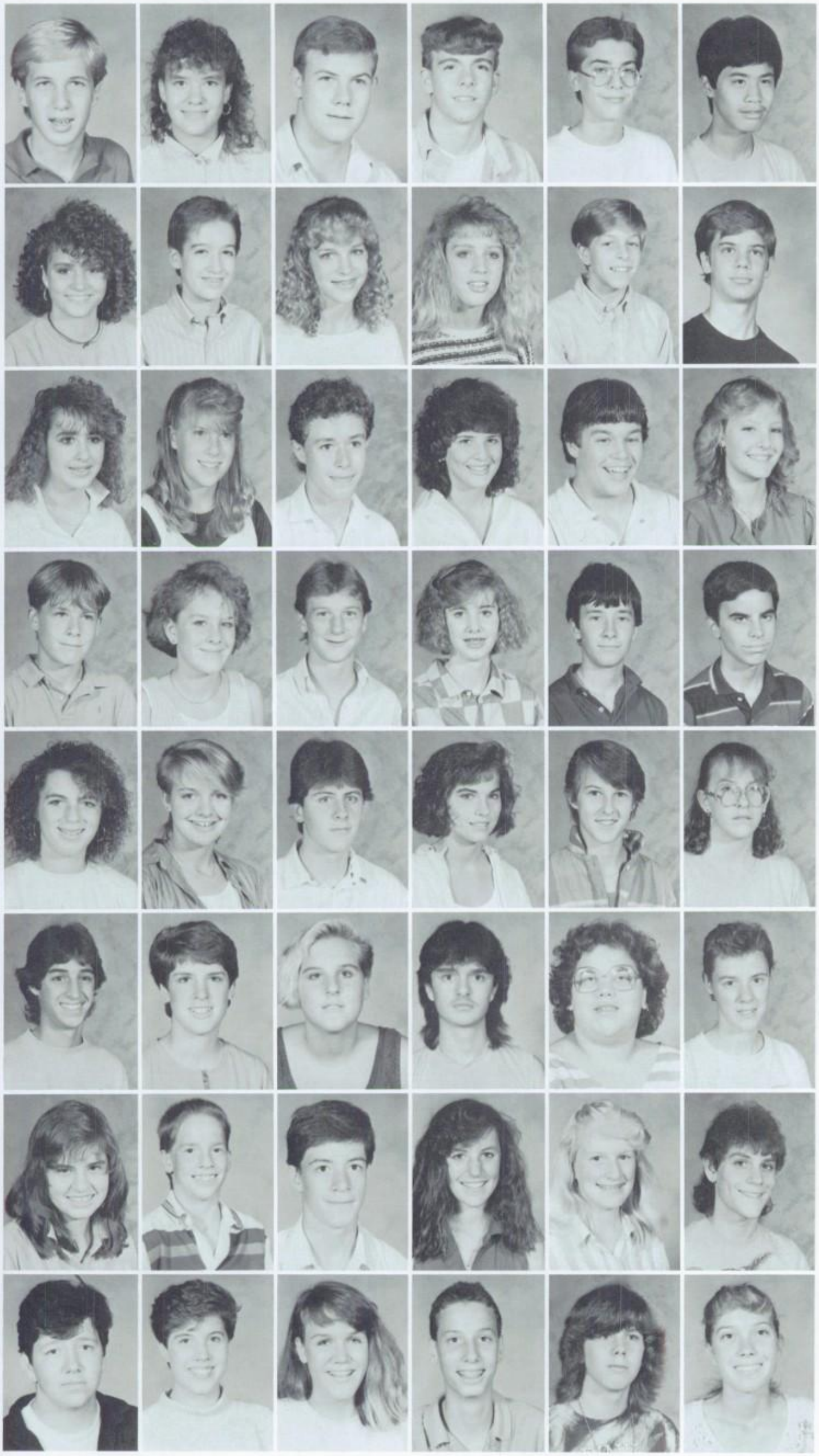
The good old days when all one needed to do for an excused absence was bring a note to the homeroom teacher and have all one's other teachers sign it were gone. As of this year, the administration cracked down on absentees and came up with a fool proof system to keep track of every student. If a parent forgot to call the school when her child was absent, a recording of Mr. Thompson called and informed the parent her son or daughter was not in school that day.

Upon returning from an absence, students had to go to the attendence office, which looked like a line for groceries in the U.S.S.R., and get an excused slip that teachers signed. The revised attendence policy made it more difficult to escape from school unnoticed, which, to the dismay of many students, was exactly the administration's intention.

By Laura Barchi

After waiting in line until almost the first bell, Dana Falsetti gets a pass from Mrs. Ewing before she goes to class.





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Daniel Package
Richard Pan

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Jeffrey Peshoff
Heidi Peters
Rebecca Phalan
Mark Phillips
Richard Phillips

Leslie Pitt
Kimberly Plaugher
Susan Pohutsky
Jennifer Polk
Darren Posey
Holly Powers
Adam Price
Courtney Pugh

Scott Ramsey
Alan Reichbart
Brandon Richardson
Ashley Riggs
Andrew Roberrt
Jessica Roberts
John Robinson
Mark Robinson

Sean Robson
Richard Rogers
Carolyn Rosenblum
Deborah Rosenkranz
Jonathan Ross
Margare Roth
Anne Marie Rowsey
Carrie Rulis

David Ryan
Richard Sachs
David Sahley
Paige Sargent
Erin Satchell
Abdel Sawan
Carla Schmitt
Frederick Schneider

Linda Schneider
Dana Schnore
Lisa Schroeder
Mark Schumacher
Daniel Schwartz
Karen Scobie
Jennifer Scott
Walter Secora

Christian Seem
Sara Seraj
Charles Sharpe
Shannon Sheehan
Megan Shisler
Robert Sloan
Collin Smith
Pamela Smith

Stephanie Smith
Michael Sofocleous
Elizabeth Stanley
Dane Stek
Derek Stek
Elizabeth Stephens

Jill Stephenson
Jeffrey Sternberg
Andrew Stone
Andrew Su
Dana Su
Meaghan Sullivan

Shana Sullivan
Christopher Sutherlin
Robert Swartz
Brian Sweeney
David Swindells
Stefane Sydnor

Abigail Symonds
Edward Szymczak
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Jon Thomas
Adam Thompson
Michelle Thompson

Sandra Thourot
Seta Tikoyán
Jennifer Tinkle
Brian Tom
Eric Tompkins
Julie Tong

Charlene Toomer
Gregg Valenti
Denise Valenza
Amy Van Antwerp
Peter Van Hemel
Janeen Vincent

Christopher Wallingford
Brian Walsh
Sarah Wascalus
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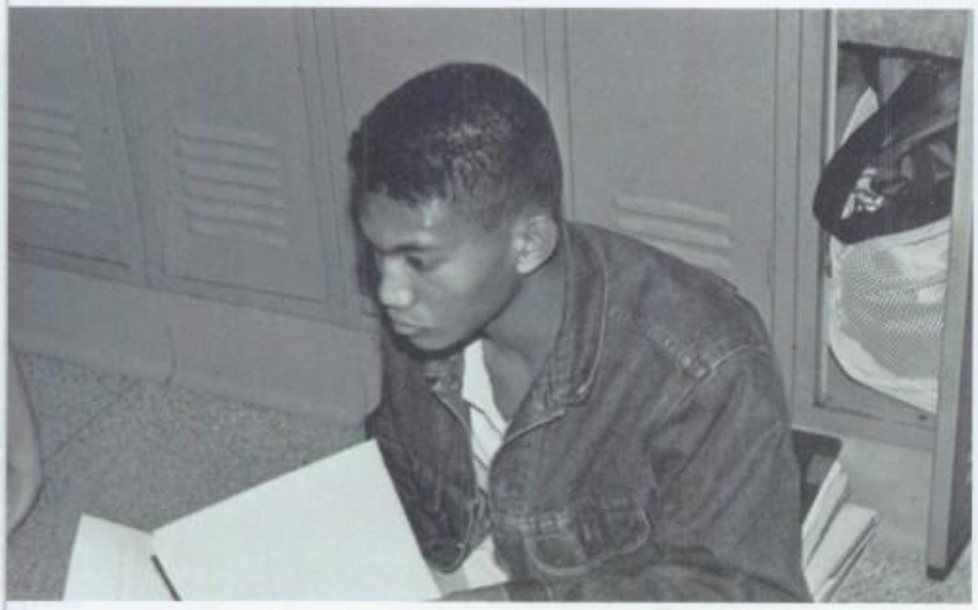
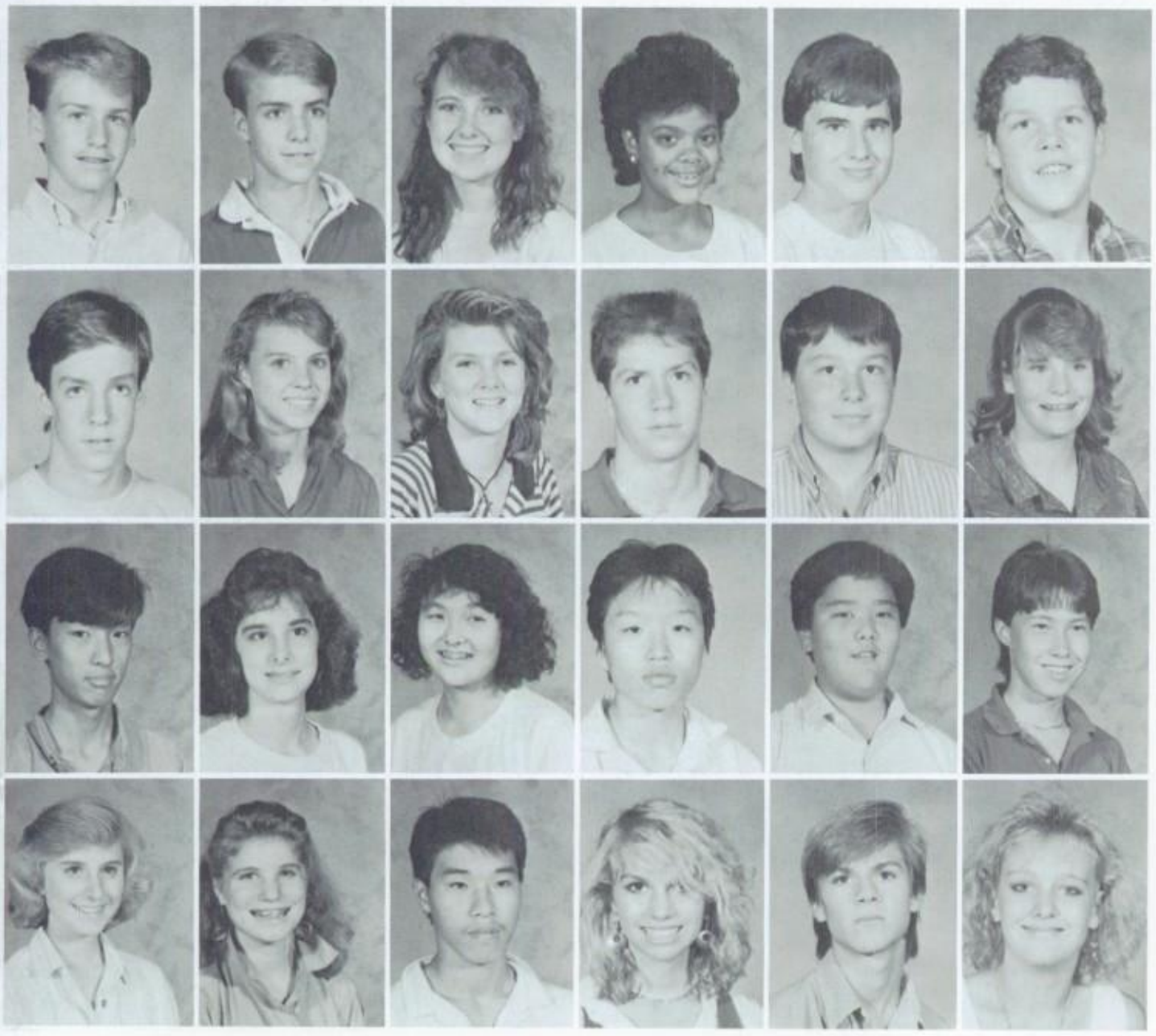
Freshmen Flourish In First Year



In academics, the freshman quickly adjusted to our school's serious atmosphere. Paul Esguerra studies his notes during break.

Groups of friends enjoy talking in the halls. Y-Lang Nguyen and her friends discuss weekend plans.



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Catherine Wolden
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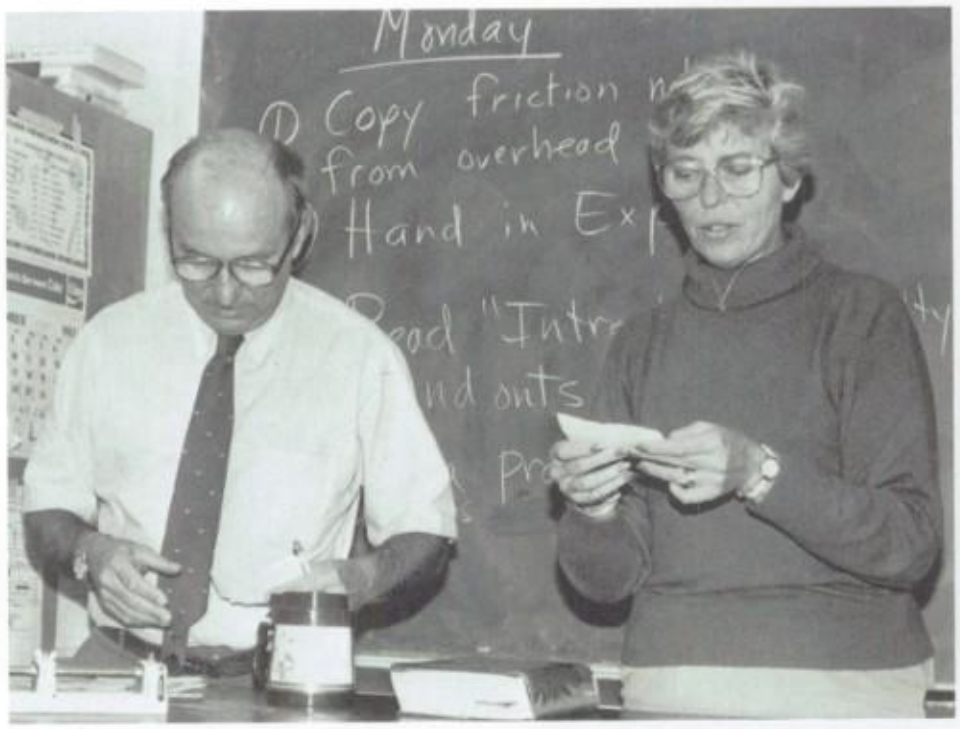
Mike Yang
Andrea Yonts
Cindy Yoo
Ji Yoo
John Yoo
David Young

Kacey Young
Randee Young
Chi Yu
Jennifer Zampino
John Zampino
Julie Zyvoloski

Mr. John Shultz helps substitute teacher Mrs. Marge Bridgman with taking attendence.

The problem solver, Mr. Bernie Thompson, listens to Ms. Boody Poarch ask him a question about the library.

Faculty Makes School Run Smoothly

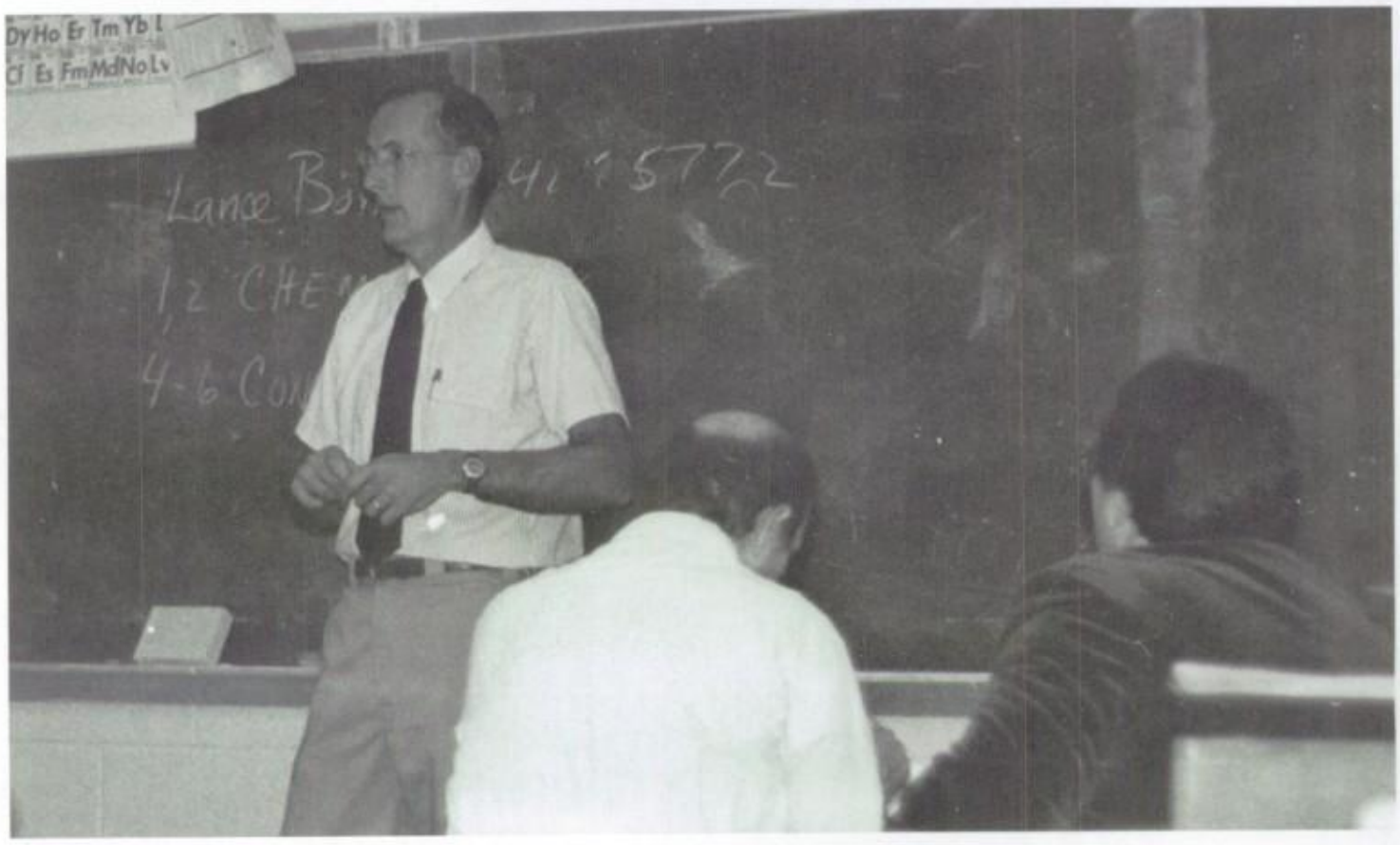


Due to a few special new programs and the slight anxiety caused by a certain evaluating committee, our school's faculty had a busy, yet interesting year. They accomplished a great deal by working together as a team.

One new program was called Skillful Teacher. The course, in which many teachers participated, taught the faculty how to be better teachers. "The course taught us how to use professional skills within the classroom," said drama teacher Ms. Joan Bedinger. Once a week after school, the teachers gathered for three hours to learn new techniques for things like keeping a student's attention during class. The teachers each had a partner and sat through one another's classes to supervise.

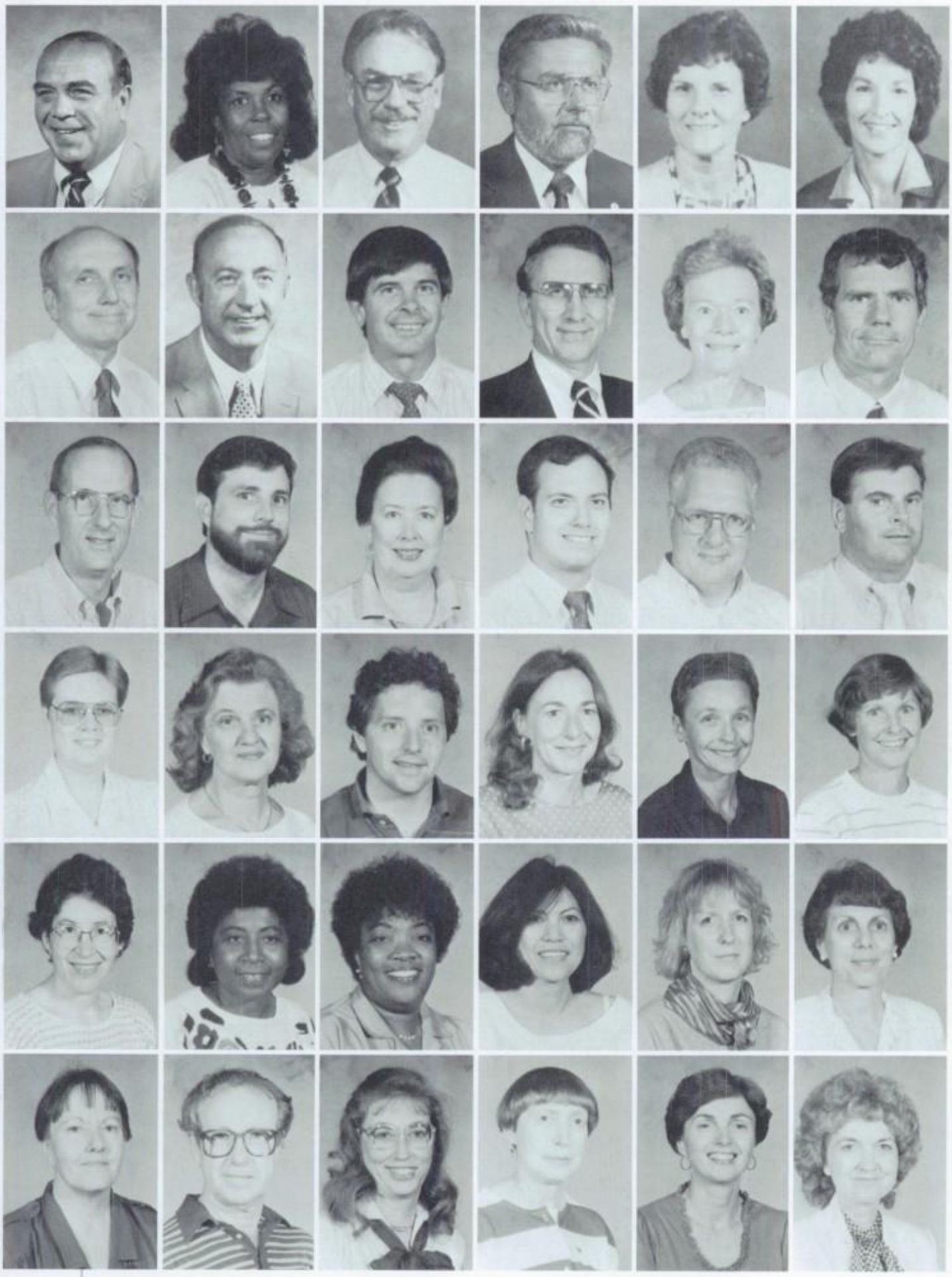
No one can forget the week that the evaluating committee of accredidation of Virginia schools invaded our school. "I know teachers who have cleaned their rooms which haven't been cleaned in years," joked history teacher Mrs. Mika. The idea of such important visitors put the faculty on edge. This edginess, however, only made everyone work harder to accomplish the goal of bettering the school.

By Cheryl An



On Back-To-School-Night, Mr. Lance Bonnet explains the chemistry curriculum to his students' parents.

Faculty



Charles E. Billak, Principal
Jerri Ewing, Ass't Principal
Dick Lester, Administrative Ass't
Charles McCormick, Ass't Principal
Annie Lou Robinson, Guidance Director
Barbara Rogers, Ass't Athletic Director, girls' tennis

John Schultz, Ass't Principal
Bernie Thompson, Administraive Aide
Phil Turner, Athletic Director
C. Jack Woodard, Ass't Principal
Dolores Amico, Latin, Latin Club
John Ashton, Social Studies, Crew Club, Football

Lance Bonnet, Chemistry, Class Sponsor
Stephen Brown, Earth Science, Boys' Gymnastics
Rebecca Carmichael, English, It's Academic
Anthony Casipit, Industrial Arts, Crew
Clyde Clarke, Biology, Class Sponsor
Bob Coughlan, Social Studies, Football

Jacqueline Craig, Special Ed., Print Club
Dorothy Darling, Social Studies, International Affairs Club
Robert Davis, Math, Track
Janet Emsley, Science Dept. Chairman, Biology, Horticulture Club
Ann Foster, U.S. Government, A.P. US Government
Susan Fredericks, U.S. History, English 11

Ellen Glynn, Algebra 1 and 2, Calculus
Lela Grant, Trig./Math Analysis, Consumer Math
Joyce Green, Functions/Analyt. Algebra 1
JuDian Guimbellot, Business Dept., FBLA, Just Say Know Club
Sandi Hammonds, Art Dept. Chairman
Del Harmon, Business Law, Typing I

Belle Harrell, English 11, Creative Writing, Art For Life
Pete Harrington, World Geography
Roberta Head, Trig./CSI, Trig./Math Analysis
Mary Hirsch, French
Mary Hoch, A.P. US Government, US Government
Dona Hogan, Guidance Counselor

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Red Jenkins, P.E., Driver's Ed., SADD, v. basketball
Vicki Kagan, Guidance Counselor
Andrew Klesh, Microcomputer Repair, VICA
Sue Kunihiro, Math, Swim Team
Lisa Langley,P.E., ATRN, Sports Medicine, Just Say Know Club
Diane Leeper, English 9, English 9 G.T.
Constance Leibowitz, English 9, A.P. English
Jeanette Lippencott, Special Ed, Dept. Chairman

Dorris Litman, Career Center Director
Daniel Mangrum, U.S. Government
Julie Matthews, Algebra 1, Geometry, Cheerleading
Sharon Matter, Physics, G.T.
Dianne McCauley, English 9, 10, Precisionettes
Don Meli, Algebra 1,2, Trig., Math Analysis
Harriet Mika, US History, A.P. European History
Jane Miller, Special Ed.

Laura Miller, Geometry, Algebra 2
Joan Mills, German, German Club
Edith Moore, Earth Science
Georgette Nelson, French, A.P. French Lit., Debate Team
Jean Nikovitz, Total Communications, Jr. NAD
Helen Noel, Speech Clinician
Maureen O'Donnell, Latin, A.P. Latin, Latin Club, NLHS
Bruce O'Hara, Astronomy, Student Union

Christel Payne, Guidance Counselor
Erma Poarch, Librarian
Ken Poates, Guidance Counselor, Football
Joyce Ramsey, P.E.
Maria Rendine, English 10,11, **Page,** Poets and Playwrights
Kay Roper, Main Office Secretary
Sharon Rossing, Library Secretary and Ass't
Andre Samson, Plane Gometry, A.P. Computer Science, Calculus

Linda Sheppard, English, Basic Skills, Total Communications
Jane Slevin, Reading Specialist
Cathy Stevens, Special Ed.
Linda Sudduth, Librarian
Phylis Swart, Principal's Secretary
Deborah Urso, Marketing
Mary Ann Wates, Algebra 2, Geometry
Von Weaver, Speech, English 12

Susan Wells, Conceptual Chem., Biology
Donna West, G.T. Chem.,Analytical Chem.
Barry Williams, P.E. Dept. Chairman, Football, Softball
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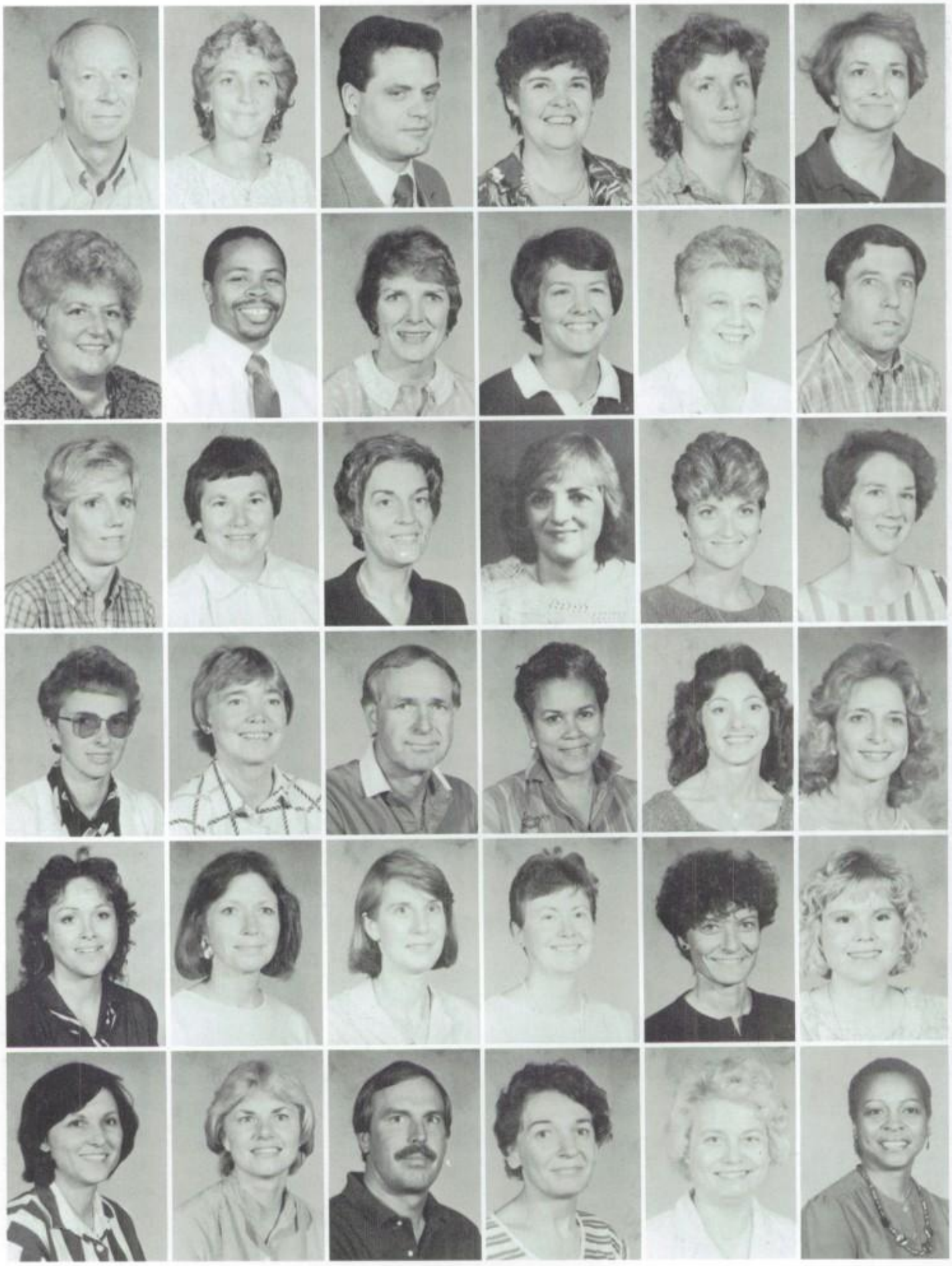

Getting Through a Tense Time

During the four days between Tuesday, December 8 and Friday, December 11, a committee from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools visited our school to determine whether or not we met standards for accreditation. The members of this committee came from various states and different parts of Virginia to sit in on classes, talk to students and teachers, see the building and make recommendations and commendations on our school.

The teachers prepared for the Visiting Committe with an intense self-study that lasted from August, '86, to November, '87. Each teacher was a member of one or two committees that met, observed departments and wrote a narrative report about the department they observed. Then committees presented these reports to the Steering Committee, headed by Mr. Jim Patisall. The entire faculty voted on whether to accept or reject each report. The committee responsible for a report that was not accepted rewrote the report. Mr. Patisall described the whole process as, "time consuming and nerve fraying." The Steering Committee presented the Visiting Committee with a book containing the reports and demographic information about this school.

Friday, the chairman of the Visiting Committee gave the faculty an overall impression that they had of the school. He complemented the school and the student body, saying that both were "excellent." Before the year ended, they sent the faculty a final report, to which the faculty replied, answering the Visiting Committee's recommendations.

By Terry Stryer

Members of the Visiting Committee dine at a welcome banquet provided by our school in the cafeteria; they discuss how impressed they are with the school.

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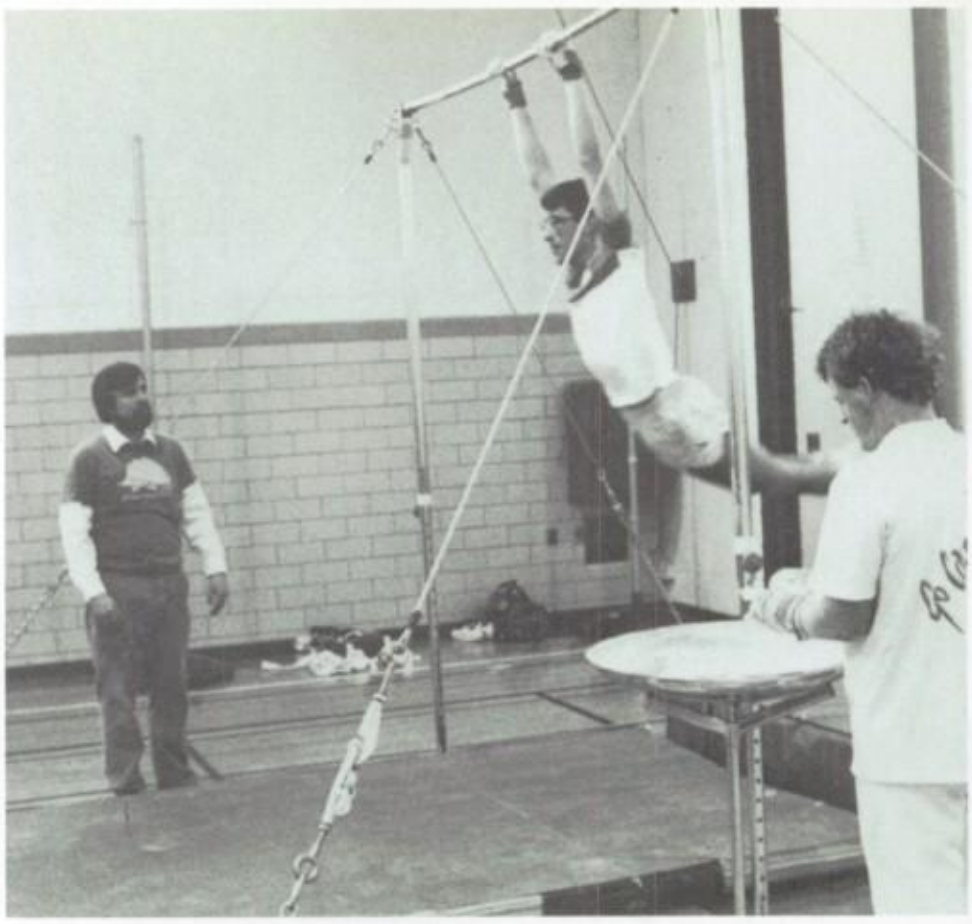

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BIGGER isn't always BETTER

As the school year drew to a close in a flurry of beach plans, proms, final exams and graduation, we took the time to look back and remember events that shaped the year. We excelled in academics, sports, participation in clubs and school spirit. Our smaller, closer-knit school came together both in celebration and tragedy. By June, each person had grown as a member of the community, the school, his class and as an individual.

Highlights of the year included Senior Marilynn Deady's Achievement Award in Writing from the National Council Teachers of English. At the Science Fair, students displayed their talent and effort in the realm of scientific discovery; Jeff Sternberg won first place over all for his project "Stress Takes a Vacation." More than ninety percent of the graduating Senior Class went on to a four year college.

Although fewer students were available to participate in sports, good coaching and hard work enabled us to reap victories. The Girls' Swim and Dive team took first in the region, and the Boys' took second. The Girls' Cross Country team won third place in the state; girls Tennis won first. Wrestlers Trent Bowers and Brook Leonard each captured third in the state in their respective weight classes. The Girls Varsity Basketball team reached regional standing, and Wendy Shaltis and Sharon Smith received All-Star status. Both girls and boys JV basketball teams finished high in the district, promising years of good basketball to come.

Club membeship expanded, due in part to the first annual Club Fair held in September. The academic clubs, which included Math Team, English Team, It's Academic, JETS and the Latin Club brought honors to our school. Four Forensics speakers won first place awards in their catagories on the district level: Ray Boyd, Geoffrey Coulter, Ray Good and Costas Lallas. Foreign language clubs flourished, and held an International Dinner to share each other's culture.

Mr. Charles E. Billak, principal, charactarized this year by "The enthusiasm and spirit students have demonstrated." Everyone helped out when the evaluating committee visited to make sure the school met certain standards, which it did. We cooperated, though not always cheerfully, with the new, stricter attendence policy, and then the revised, new, stricter attendence policy. A record of 394 tickets were sold to the March 5 "$2.99 Special" soc-hop where two bands from our school, Nyabinghi Warriors, a reggae band, and Smiley Faces, a suburban progressive band, played. Students supported each other with friendship, kind words or sometimes simple silence after the death of Senior Jennifer Hauenstein in a car accident. We came together in celebration, too, of both large and small successes, from getting an "A" in Algebra I to getting into a good college.

We added to the community by working as volunteers in elementary schools and social services. Some Seniors voted fot the first time on Super Tuesday, the first and last Southern primary, March 8. A plurality of voters in Virginia chose Vice-president George Bush and Rev. Jesse Jackson for presidential candidates.

An active student body compensated for the lower school population, and contributed to the prestige of the school, and each class. Like the Arts For Life Theme, "The Great American Patchwork Quilt," each person added his own, indispensible achievements to the school. Because there were fewer people, everyone was more important. Realizing this responsibility brought each of us one step closer to adulthood.

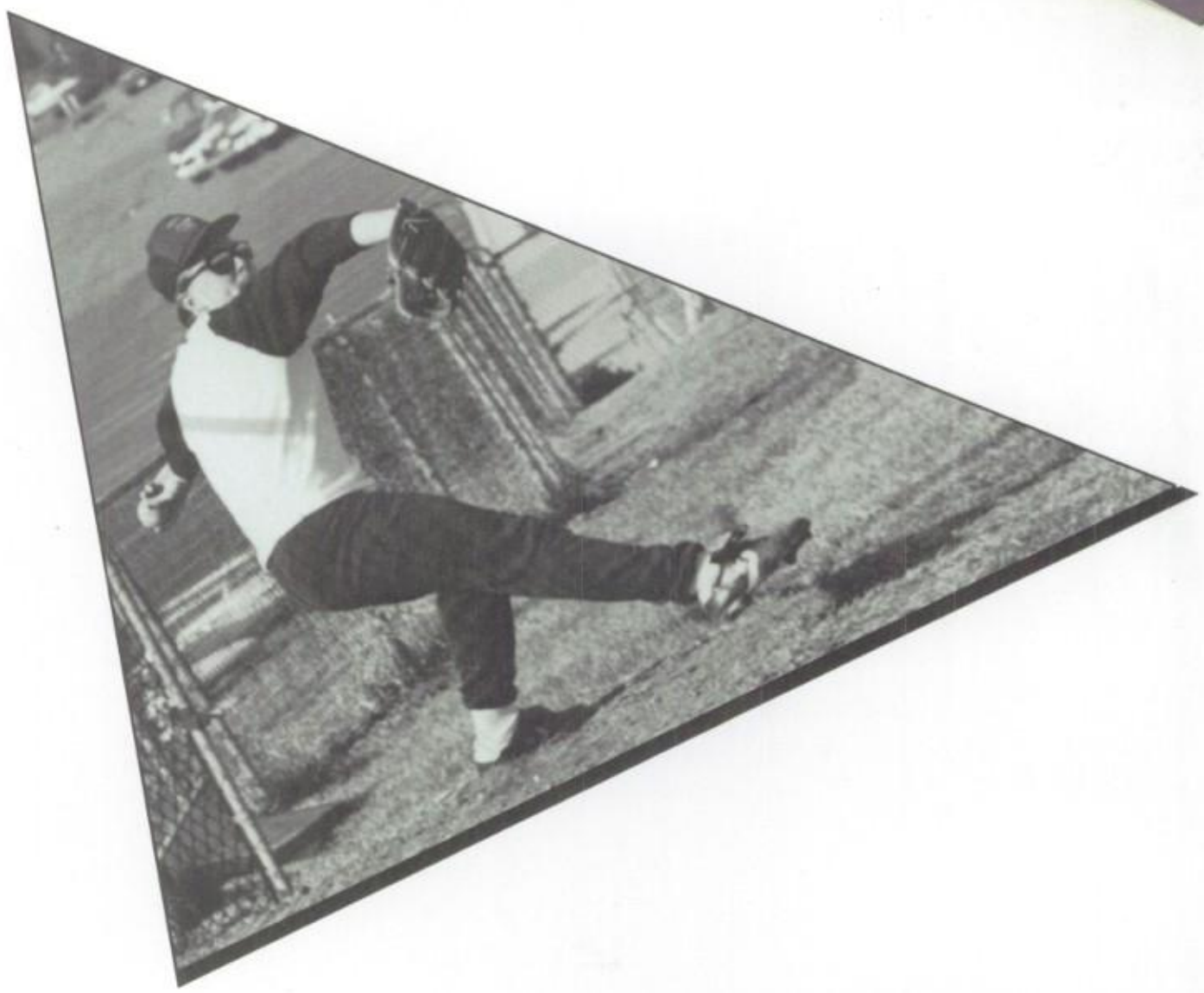
by Terry Stryer

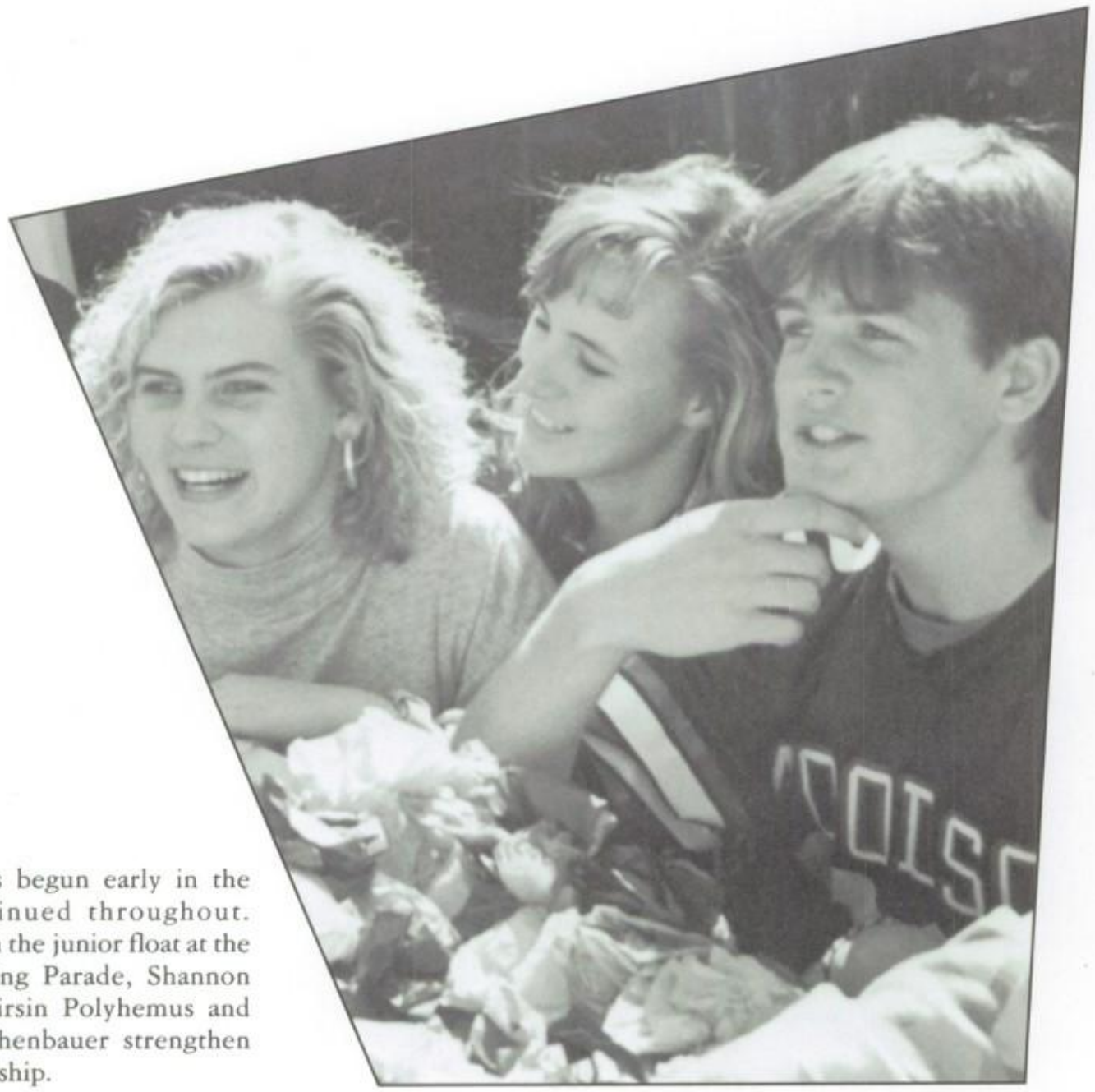
Before an athletic competition, JV cheerleader Stacy Herrington helps make a poster that encouraged our school to win.

One of the bands that starred in the Senior Class sponsored soc-hop, the $2.99 Special, was Smiley Faces. Lead singer and guitarist Carlos Linares belts out one of his band's tunes to the delight of the students.

In orchestra class, Molly Fassick tunes her cello to perfection every day before she begins to warm up.

At a baseball game in March, Brian Gorges winds up for a throw.





Friendships begun early in the year continued throughout. Working on the junior float at the Homecoming Parade, Shannon Mulner, Kirsin Polyhemus and Kirk Kirschenbauer strengthen their friendship.

Dear Hymie

What's goin on? Schaefer Beer rips and I do think you know that. Bill, I found a drinkin' buddy and I'm happy. Water chasers really don't do it for me though. I'm going to Georgia and I plan to come back w/2 brain cells. Bill, over the summer when you get laid, you gotta call me, we'll call Guinness. Remember Don't drive drunk and ~~a~~ foremost. Be Cool

Me Taf

Bill,

Hey, well It's been a strange, but good year. Trig.'s been very different, Biology, kind of boring. When I came here, I didn't know anyone, and I appreciate your [illegible] showing me around, etc. in the beginning of the year. I guess we kind of [illegible] lost touch, but Thanks, Give me a call - 591-7817 over the summer, & we can get together, or go out or something. Have a Great Summer.

Your friend

Carl

BILL,

Pretty cool year, eh? 'cept for that Hor witz kid that kept hanging around me in gym. What? Sorry, wrong year-book. Just kidding. School was ~~a~~ interesting this year, at least gym was okay. BIOLOGY SUCKED! I HATE THAT CLASS. (quiz) See ya next year if you're taking any real classes (not typing, thank you). Don't get too (huh) drunk over the summer or you'll have a killer hangover your junior year.

Best regards,

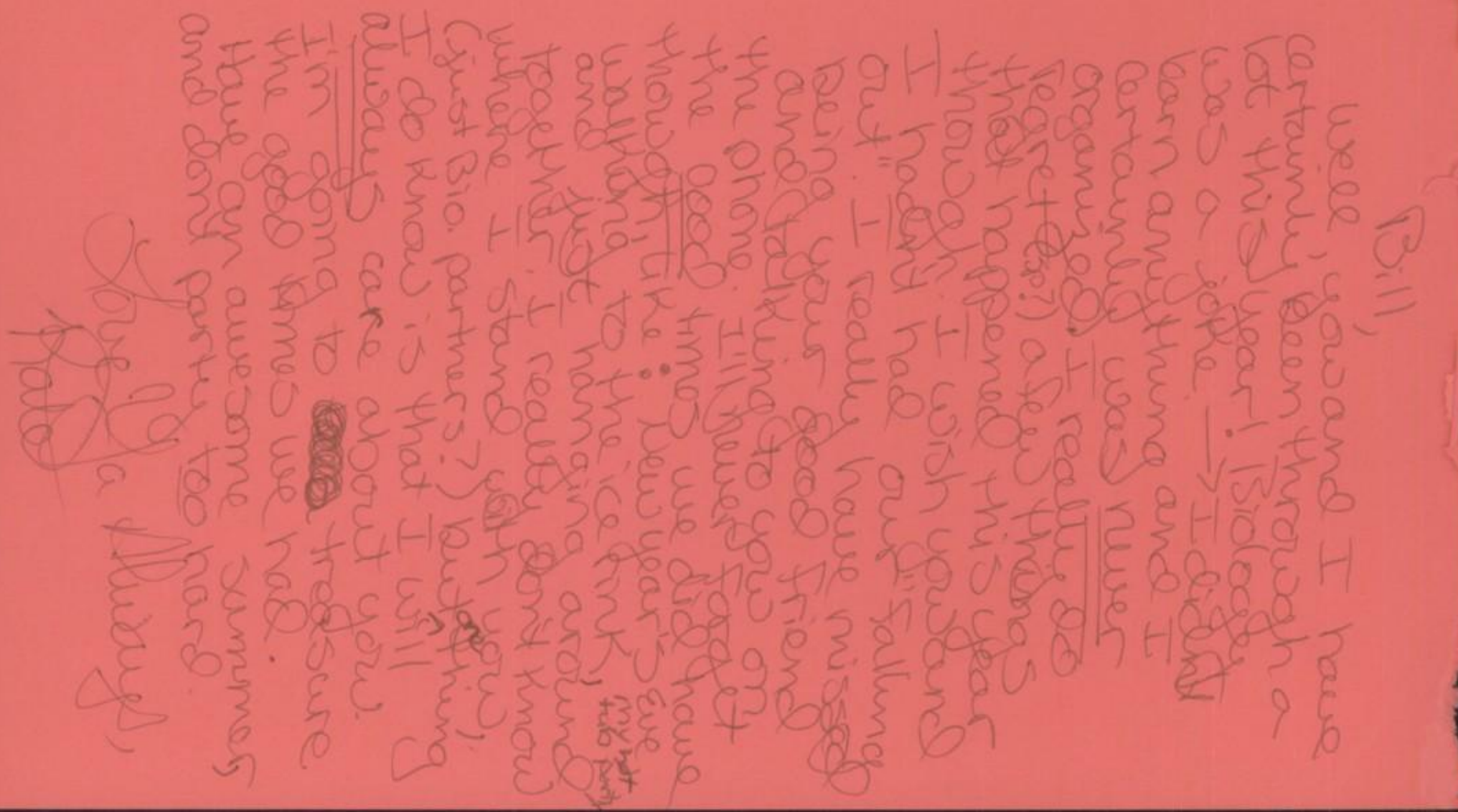
Carl R. Kegler P.S. DOLE '92

Bill,

I just want to tell you that I'm glad we had Mrs. Burfoot's class together, because that's how we've become such good friends. You're an awesome guy + really funny (+perverted, but funny!). I hope we have classes together next year, too. I need your comments every 5 minutes to keep me awake!! I hope as the years go by we become + stay even better friends. I won't forget all the fun times we've had - keep in touch w/me this summer + try to stay sober!!

Love ya,
Cheré

Billy-boy
Hey! Have a good summer
I know you will & Con. Sci.
is gay I guess that is why
you slept through it. Oh well
later on, see you next year!
Chris "Hey Snuffalufagus"
Shit my
name never
fits.



Dear Bill,
What a year this has been typing with Guimbellot and computer science class with Miss Head- that's a laugh in itself. I'm sorry things didn't work out with the car- it's just a lot easier you hate to drive me. Even though I had 3 classes with you this year, though, I think the summer will give us a chance to be better friends. Things to remember: the times at homecoming (thanks for an awesome time), New Year's Eve (" " "), oh- yeah, Debbi falling in the creek, you, Ashley + Shawn falling in the creek, falling asleep in class, Miss Shelton, George Kukun (spelling?) and, of course, the Ugly, Fat Toad (yuck!) I told ya, I warned ya about him, but you didn't listen! You're so lucky to get Madame Nelson next year- while I burn in Hell with you-know-who! All in all, this was an awesome year. Sorry things never worked out w/ ya + ya-know-who! Let's go to the pool this summer! I still haven't been yet. Hey, next year we'll be Juniors! How awesome! Well, I have an awesome summer to an awesome friend of mine. Thanks for being there for me, and eat a Pep-o-mint lifesaver for me! Well, I've decided to publish my novel now! See ya later! ♡
Jules

Bill,
Well science and English have been real, real something. Take it easy over the summer and I'll see you around at the pool and at a couple of parties.
Ramon

Bill,
Biology was the greatest, especially my lab partner. I did great during human reproduction. I don't think I learned anything this year in biology. Have fun this summer; Lose your virginity. It's real fun! Have next year at school. I'll be pickin corn and bringing in the cows in Wyoming, Hee Hee!
Bobby